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Arkansas Bar Association Leaders Issue Statements on Recent Tragic Events

The Arkansas Bar Association stands united in its sympathy for the families of those who have been subjected to unfair force or violence, such has been evident recently in Minnesota and Georgia. In the days and months ahead we must re-dedicate ourselves to the principles learned in this state in the case *Cooper v. Aaron* that the rule of law must be viewed both in speech and practice as providing equal protection to all citizens no matter their race. No parent should fear for the safety of their child based on the color of her skin. Protecting the rule of law is part of our mission statement. Our association and profession must be thought and action leaders on this topic. Great strides have been made in providing access to justice through state-wide organizations, but more work is required to provide this basic right.

As noted by our Young Lawyers Section Chair, Chris Hussein, we must lead in education as well as ideal. The US Constitution provides rights of free speech and equal protection. We stand by all Americans who seek fair and equal treatment under our laws. May our legacy be one of action, of inclusion and of hope.
Brian Rosenthal, Arkansas Bar Association President

We vow to assist all those who have been unfairly treated and continue our civics outreach for a level playing field for all. We are reviewing public education initiatives to aid in this ongoing goal.
Chris Hussein, Arkansas Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section Chair

About Arkansas Bar Association

The Arkansas Bar Association, established in 1898, is a voluntary, statewide organization with more than 5,000 members. Among its purposes are the advancement of the administration of justice and the fostering among its member of high ideals of integrity, learning and public service.

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