



To the SABAW Community:

This past week we have all watched protests across our nation in response to the murder of George Floyd by law enforcement. While we applaud the arrest of the four officers involved in his murder, his death was the direct result of the white supremacy, anti-black racism, and police violence that has affected our country for hundreds of years. The South Asian Bar Association of Washington grieves with the families of our black brothers and sisters whose lives have been taken by police violence and racism. We strongly support all efforts to tackle the deep-rooted institutionalized racism and white supremacy in the United States.

As legal professionals, we often work within and interact with institutions and systems that actively uphold white supremacy. We have a unique duty to not only speak up when we encounter racism but also hold ourselves accountable and use our privilege to protect Black lives.

As South Asians, we also have a responsibility to challenge the biases many of us grew up with. We must unlearn the anti-blackness and colorism that has plagued our communities for so long.

This moment requires more than just words of solidarity. This is why SABAW pledges to award at least one of our [2020 scholarships](#) to a law student or recent graduate that has demonstrated service or engagement with the Black Community.

Justice for George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor must be served. At the same time we must also work to deliver justice for all victims of white supremacy and police violence, the ones we know and the ones we do not know. We cannot and will not let this moment pass without justice and without real change.

- The SABAW Board

