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## CABL's statement of support for the Asian community

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As we acknowledge the one-year anniversary of the pandemic, we would be remiss if we did not raise awareness around another equally pervasive pandemic – that of discrimination and racism. You have no doubt heard of incidents of racist acts perpetrated against members of Asian communities across the country and around the globe. CABL knows all too well, the challenge of dealing with and responding to the impact of discrimination and anti-Black racism during this very trying time. Sadly, our Asian colleagues are having to do the same due to the disturbing rise in incidence of anti-Asian racism.

We stand in solidarity with our Asian colleagues and denounce the increasing prevalence of anti-Asian racism. Discrimination and racism hurts us all. CABL unreservedly supports our friends and allies from the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers, the South Asian Bar Association and the Asian community in Canada and around the globe.

Each of our communities are strong on our own, but we are stronger together. CABL pledges our commitment to work in concert with our allies in FACL, SABA and other equity deserving groups toward the elimination of discrimination and racism. When we support one another, we all advance.

In solidarity,

## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BLACK LAWYERS

The Canadian Black Lawyers Association was formed in March 1996, as a national network of law professionals with an overall mandate to promote the advancement of Black Lawyers within the profession by providing support systems, promoting academic and professional excellence and advancing issues of equity and diversity among the bar and judiciary.