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**Via Electronic Mail: [boardofdirectors@texasbar.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@texasbar.com)**

Mr. John Charles "Charlie" Ginn  
Chair, Board of Directors  
State Bar of Texas

**Re: State Bar President Larry McDougal's Derogatory Comments; Black Lives Matter**

Dear Mr. Ginn:

The Greater Houston Black Chamber of Commerce (GHBC) stands in unity with the statements and demands submitted by the State Bar of Texas Sections, Affinity Sections, local Bar Associations and community organizations regarding State Bar of Texas President Larry McDougal's derogatory statements about Black Lives Matter and our elections process. Specifically, we support the African American Lawyers Section's Call To Action and ask that your Board of Directors require all points of it to be fulfilled by Mr. McDougal. The State Bar of Texas cannot afford to have its leadership exhibit and perpetuate behavior that has historically and systematically marginalized African-Americans in business and in law.

Our 1,600 member Chamber represents African-American law firms in our community in business, and we applaud the people and organizations who are raising their voices in solidarity about this most unfortunate turn of events.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Y. Guess".

Carol Y. Guess, Esq.  
Chair, Board of Directors  
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