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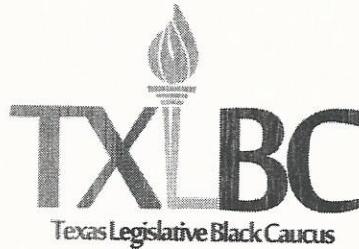
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Charlie Ginn, Chairman
State Bar of Texas
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Re: Larry P. McDougal, President

Dear Chairman Ginn:

As Chairman of the 19 Member Texas Legislative Black Caucus, I join the chorus of thoughtful and well-meaning Texans who are requesting the resignation of current State Bar of Texas President, Larry P. McDougal.

After observing the several social media posts concerning the "Black Lives Matter" movement and also reviewing his history, it appears that President McDougal lacks the cultural sensitivity and awareness necessary to advance the objectives of the State Bar of Texas, particularly the principle of ensuring all citizens equal access to justice. I am sure by now you have seen the comments made by President McDougal and I am equally sure you recognize and understand the widespread community pain and hurt caused by President McDougal's comments. The subsequent apology by President McDougal for his comments did little to ease or repair the damage done to the legal community, specifically and the larger community, generally.

In crafting solutions to societal problems which have lingered unresolved for much too long, we must acknowledge that intrinsic biases and prejudices should be the first to go. Yet, those thoughts are what got us here and why the problems have persisted and been ignored for so long. Apparently, President McDougal, at least by his words, chooses to be part of the problem.

Finally, as someone said to me recently—"when a person says or otherwise shows you who they are, we should believe them." I believe President Larry McDougal has provided great insight into just who he is. We should believe him—and seek immediate resignation.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold V. Dutton, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Harold V. Dutton, Jr.
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