

BASF Statement on Violence in Charlottesville

August 15, 2017 – San Francisco --The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) condemns the acts of hate, intimidation and violence that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 11 and August 12. The hate speech and acts by white supremacists, neo-Nazis, the alt-right and the Ku Klux Klan on the streets of Charlottesville are despicable, and require prompt and focused repudiation by federal and state officials.

Racism is evil, and hate fueled by bigotry has no place in America. BASF urges federal and state officials to immediately enforce applicable civil rights laws and prosecute the acts of alleged domestic terrorism that led to the tragic loss of life in Charlottesville.

BASF embraces diversity as a core strength of our nation. We advance as a society when we adhere to our basic values of equality and respect for all. As legal professionals, we reaffirm our dedication to inclusiveness, to embracing the diversity of our communities and to advancing policies that combat intolerance and hatred.

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