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From: Trey Apffel <Trey.Apffel@TEXASBAR.COM>
Subject: FW: Message Regarding Larry McDougal's Apology and Officers' Statement
Date: July 13, 2020 at 9:57:43 PM CDT
To: "larry@", Randall Sorrels
"Sylvia B. Firth"
Charlie Ginn
Cc: Jennifer Reames

Trey Apffel
Executive Director
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trey.apffel@texasbar.com

From: Alan Sims
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:53 PM
To: Trey Apffel <Trey.Apffel@TEXASBAR.COM>
Subject: Re: Message Regarding Larry McDougal's Apology and Officers' Statement

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Trey,

Thanks for sharing this information. I know the State Bar will be considering how to respond and the most appropriate steps to take going forward. As the Board Advisor to the the African American Lawyers Section, I would like to be included in process. Also, from my perspective, I believe there is a lot of merit in having President McDougal lead the charge in making significant changes to Bar policies and procedures designed to address systemic racism. I am committed to help in any way I can.

Alan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 11, 2020, at 3:52 PM, Trey Apffel <Trey.Apffel@texasbar.com> wrote:

Dear Directors,

I am writing to make sure you were aware of President McDougal's public apology for his online comments regarding Black Lives Matter. The video can be watched here: <https://youtu.be/lCmmShk8PrA>

Attached is a joint statement by the officers of the State Bar and TYLA denouncing President McDougal's comments.

Trey

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From: Larry McDougal [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Larry McDougal's status as president of the Tx State Bar
Date: July 15, 2020 at 11:37 AM
To: Junior [REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Angela [REDACTED]
Subject: Larry McDougal's status as president of the Tx State Bar
Date: July 15, 2020 at 11:30:18 AM CDT
To: Trey.Apffelt@texasbar.com
Cc: [REDACTED]

Hi Trey,

You don't know me, but I've been a practicing attorney in Galveston County since 1997. I know RA and Darrel. I'm writing to you to express my support for Larry McDougal. I believe there are a lot more people out there who are either not aware of what's going on with the state bar or are concerned about being ostracized for expressing an opposing opinion.

I don't personally know Larry, but read on FB all of the nonsense about trying to force him to resign from his current position as the TX State Bar President. I support any effort to keep Larry in his position. This "group thought" mentality has to stop. Opposing opinions are healthy and can only help to create the best State and country to live in. The BLM mission statement is disturbing to say the least, and if everyone would just take a few minutes to read through it, I think they'd stop this blind support for this organization.

Larry should not apologize for anything that he has said. This only gives the liberal mob more control.

I just wanted to let you know that I support Larry McDougal.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my email. I hope you have a good day.

Sincerely,

Angela M. Taylor

Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]
League City, Tx 77574

[REDACTED]
Fax No. (713) 481-0808

Lead Information

Name: Angela Taylor

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Date Received: Jul 15, 2020 10:50am CST

First Name: Angela

Last Name: Taylor

Phone:

Email Address:

Message: Hi Larry, We don't know each other, but I just wanted you to know that I support you and your position on BLM. You should remain the State Bar's president. I am a criminal defense atty in Galveston County. Please stop apologizing. That only gives the liberal mob control. There are a lot of people in this so-called silent majority and we just have to figure out a way to be heard and stop this nonsense. Stay strong in your position and know that you are not alone. Angela

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Lead Information

Name: Bill Knoph

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Date Received: Jul 17, 2020 11:21 am CST

First Name: Bill

Last Name: Knoph

Phone:

Email Address:

Message: Do NOT resign!! I support you and your comments concerning the Black Lives Matter movement. In 2015, BLM did call for death to police and whites. Wearing offensive clothing to a polling station is electioneering. You are correct on both counts. Do NOT resign. Sincerely, Bill Knoph Waco, TX

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Lead Information

Name: Brandi Fernandez

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date Received: Jul 21, 2020 2:39pm CST

First Name: Brandi

Last Name: Fernandez

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message: This is for Larry McDougal, I just saw the email come through the State Bar about a meeting on Monday, in part, regarding your apology over some online postings. I appreciate that you were willing to write an apology. However, I wanted to reach out and just say "Hey...this is still America and you still have the right of free speech." I don't think you should have had to apologize for your free speech. But it shows character on your part that you were willing to extend that olive branch. Basically, this is just a "shout out" to say thank you ...and hang in there!

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July 13, 2020

RE: Letter of Support for Larry McDougal

I have had the honor of knowing Larry McDougal since I was prosecutor and now as a fellow defense attorney. Over that time, we have become friends. He has been there for me in my darkest times and I am not sure I would be here if it weren't for him. He has come to my aid many times in law and as a human.

We have had too many interactions to count as my boss, as colleagues, and as friends. Based on the Larry McDougal I know, he is a gentle man who has one of the biggest hearts I have ever seen. Based on our conversations and the heart I have seen and experienced, I truly believe he is a beautiful soul who loves and treats everyone respect.

He has been a mentor not only to me but to so many lawyers out there. I have no doubt that support for him will be passionate and strong. He was and still is an excellent choice as Texas State Bar President. We as a profession are lucky to have him. It would be a severe loss to the Texas law community to lose him as a leader. If we want someone as president who is prepared to go to bat for all of us, this is the man for the job.

It is an honor to know and support him.

Sincerely,

Brooks Richmond
Attorney at Law

From: Carol Bailey [REDACTED]
Subject: State Bar of TExas Board of Directors -- Larry P. McDougal -
Date: July 21, 2020 at 1:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The circumstances described do not support the forced apology or resignation of Larry P. McDougal.

Carol Bailey
Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403
[REDACTED]

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COLLIN EVANS LAW, PLLC

July 14, 2020

Texas State Bar Board of Directors

Re: Larry McDougal


Dear Board Members,

My name is Collin Evans. I am a 37-year-old solo-practitioner, criminal defense attorney in good standing with Texas State Bar since 2010 (SBN: 24074189). My practice involves litigation in many of the courts around the Houston area, including Fort Bend County where I first met Larry McDougal nearly a decade ago.

I heard about him while attending law school with his son, Larry McDougal Jr., at South Texas College of Law, and Larry Jr. introduced me to his father not long after we were admitted to the bar. I have had numerous occasions to speak with and observe Larry McDougal in court and never once heard or saw anything to make me think Mr. McDougal was a racist. He is a good man, an excellent attorney, and deserves the respect he has earned through his years of hard work as police officer and lawyer.

I do not condone racism and believe Mr. McDougal's apology was sincere. Please feel free to contact me at the number listed above or at my email at collin@evanscriminallawyer.com with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,



Collin Evans

Lead Information

Name: Constance Filley Johnson

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Date Received: Jul 13, 2020 8:54pm CST

First Name: Constance Filley

Last Name: Johnson

Phone:

Email Address:

Message: Hang in there, Larry!! There are many of us who do not agree with calls for your resignation. Sorry you're dealing with so much undeserved criticism. God bless you, Constance Filley Johnson, Victoria

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July 18, 2020

Re: Letter in Support of State Bar President Larry McDougal

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm David Buckley, and I'm a practicing plaintiff's lawyer in Houston. I'm writing you today in support of my friend, Larry McDougal.

In 2015, Larry made comments regarding Black Lives Matter which are wrong. Larry has said as much himself. He has said that he does not hold those views and that his views have changed. I believe that the Bar should be a community where a person can change his views for the better, and where we can provide an encouraging environment for him to do so.

Larry McDougal is not a racist. For three decades in Fort Bend County, he has been the only thing standing between the Accused and a prison cell. Larry's clients are often persons of color. Words are important, but actions should speak louder, and Larry has been standing up for the rights of Fort Bend County citizens, including persons of color, his whole career.

Larry has indicated a willingness to learn and grow on issues of race. He's dedicated to making sure persons of color and lawyers of color can get the most out of their interactions with other Texas lawyers and the judicial system.

I believe that by its end, Larry's term will be one we can all be proud of, and I fully support his continued service as Texas State Bar President.

Very truly yours,



David Buckley

Lead Information

Name: David Miller

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Date Received: Jul 20, 2020 10:52am CST

First Name: David

Last Name: Miller

Phone:

Email Address:

Message: Larry, I am a long time member of the Bar. You do not need to resign, and in fact, you do not need to apologize. I am a member of several sections and was not asked my opinion.

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From: Larry McDougal [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: BLM
Date: July 14, 2020 at 7:14 AM
To: Junior [REDACTED]

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From: David Vuong [REDACTED]
Subject: BLM
Date: July 13, 2020 at 10:17:51 PM CDT
To: "Larry P. McDougal" [REDACTED]

Hi Larry,

I hope all the best wishes to you and your family. I Just want you to know that I support BLM with all my heart. I even named my son, Martin after Dr. King. I accept your apology. Please do not resign. Thank you.

David C. Vuong, Esq.

The Law Offices of David C. Vuong and Associates, P.C.

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The Vendt Law Firm, P.L.L.C.

Richmond, Texas 77469

Direct:

Email:

July 13, 2020

State Bar of Texas
1414 Colorado Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: State Bar of Texas President; Larry McDougal

Dear State Bar Directors:

I am writing this letter due to the recent outcry regarding Larry McDougal, the State Bar of Texas President.

I have personally known Larry McDougal since 2013. Never has he shown any sign of being a racist in my presence, and never has he shown character of a man that does not reflect a member willing to serve the entire bar of Texas. In fact, what I have seen is the contrary.

Mankind has historically failed at judging one's character, especially when the masses assemble. Before the State Bar of Texas crucifies Larry McDougal, I hope it digs deeper to uncover the true meaning of his expressions (considering timing and all interpretations). If Mr. McDougal is wrong, then that fact cannot be ignored; but every member of our bar should be given the dignity that comes with the benefit of the doubt.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ *Frank J. Vendt, Jr.*

Frank J. Vendt, Jr.
Attorney & Counselor at Law

Lead Information

Name: Chris Halgren

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date Received: Jul 13, 2020 6:44pm CST

First Name: Chris

Last Name: Halgren

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message: Mr. McDougal: I am writing as a concerned member of the State Bar to implore you to stand strong against those condemning you for the "blasphemous" sin of making a comment critical of the BLM organization. I am not writing in support or condemnation of your past comments, which have garnered much attention. I am writing because I am concerned at the political zeal of a few, loud voices that seek to silence political speech. I presume that you, like me, believe strongly that the lives of black people matter and that they should be treated with the same dignity and respect of all others - without regard for race, religion, gender, National origin, etc. The BLM organization is a political movement with aims that are not widely supported, such as defunding the police and disrupting the western nuclear family. Members of the Bar should be free to criticize such pursuits, including the methods by which people seek to accomplish them. It is foundational to a free society that that no political organization be shielded from all criticism. My concern is that many are calling for you to repent and join them in their crusade to put BLM, as a political organization, in a sphere where political dissidents are banished from society ... or here, the Bar.

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LAW OFFICE
OF
JESSICA JARAMILLO MORENO

July 14, 2020

RE: Larry P. McDougal, State Bar President

To Whom It May Concern:

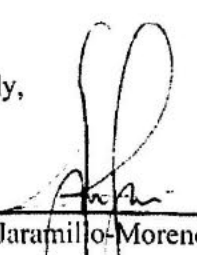
I am an attorney and I have practiced primarily in Fort Bend County, Texas for the last 9 years. I have personally known Larry P. McDougal and his family for approximately 12 years. I went to law school with his son and have worked in the same courthouse, spent time in their law office, and have even attended family events at his son's home. Larry P. McDougal has been highly respected in our local community as an excellent lawyer, proud family man, and great friend for many years.

I am aware of the recent concern expressed by many attorneys over the controversial public comments he made. I am not condoning any of the remarks or comments. I do not believe the comments at issue are representative of his true character and personality.

I listened to the apology issued by Mr. McDougal and based on my knowledge of his character and heart I believe his apology to be sincere.

Larry is dedicated to our profession and wants to continue to serve in the capacity that he was elected to serve in. I hope that he will be able to maintain his position as State Bar President.

Sincerely,



Jessica Jaramillo-Moreno
Attorney at Law
SBOT: 24078733
Email: [REDACTED]

Lead Information

Name: Jon Oden

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date Received: Jul 21, 2020 3:17pm CST

First Name: Jon

Last Name: Oden

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message: You have no reason to apologize to the lawyers of Texas or to any group or individual for the Black Lives Matter comments. There was nothing improper, racist, or politically illegal, express or implied, about an informed opinion relating to polling place conduct and attire. Thank you. Jon T. Oden, Wylie, Texas

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Lead Information

Name: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date Received: Jul 21, 2020 1:21pm CST

First Name: Kevin

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message: Larry, I'm a young, Texan attorney and wish you the very best. What is being done to you is despicable and I want to encourage you as you endure it. I work for a big law firm and fear for my job if I were to say anything publicly. I hope you have the courage I don't yet, but would never fault you, if you ultimately do not. I'll pray for you, your family, and your business. Sincerely, Kevin [REDACTED]

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Houston, TX 77040

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July 15, 2020

Larry McDougal
President of State Bar of Texas
809 Houston Street
Richmond, Texas 77469

Dear Larry,

I have been deeply troubled by the allegations of racism which have been leveled at you this past week. As a woman of color, and a first-generation immigrant, I wanted to put in writing my deep and profound belief that you are not a racist. And, I will gladly challenge anyone who says differently to debate the subject with me.

When I moved to Houston and began practicing CPS defense in this area as opposed to the Texas Hill Country, you were one of the first to offer support and assistance even without request. When other attorneys, including Hispanic attorneys, have not assisted me in learning the area's courts and judges, you offered you knowledge and, most importantly, your time.

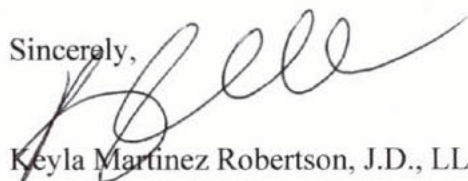
When I wanted to begin practicing in the criminal misdemeanor courts again, you stepped up and answered my questions, even on your weekends. When asking other local area attorneys, one responded with "Sure, he can talk to you. The consultation is \$500 per hour." Not you. You have graciously and generously given of your valuable time.

You have also provided assistance in many other ways. You have trusted me enough to refer clients to me. You have shared your forms when I was unsure of how to draft a retainer for a matter. You have made helpful and meaningful suggestions.


I have long experienced racism and racists attacks in my life. I have been scolded in public for speaking in Spanish. I have been denied admittance into certain organizations. I have been called racially derogatory names in anger. Those were racist individuals. And to see some members of our profession sully your good name and lump you into a category with those individuals is disheartening.

I sincerely hope you do not heed the calls for resignation from a vocal few. Most of our members still support you. And if there is anything that I can do to offer support, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



Keyla Martinez Robertson, J.D., LL.M.

From: Larry McDougal [REDACTED] 
Subject: Fwd: SABA
Date: July 20, 2020 at 1:56 PM
To: Tara [REDACTED]

Larry P. McDougal
Attorney
Board Certified Criminal Law
281-238-8500

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From: Lee Elms [REDACTED]
Date: July 20, 2020 at 1:52:34 PM CDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: SABA

Larry:
I am a member of the San Antonio Bar Association. I received the above attached SABA Resolution on Friday.
I am not in agreement with their position. I think they need to better educate themselves on BLM and what what is actually happening.
The second attachment is information about Susan Rosenberg who is a member of the Board of Directors of Thousand Currents, a fiscal sponsor for BLM. The attachment contains information and several links that you may find helpful, if you decide to send a response.
Thank you.
Lee Elms



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July 14, 2020

State Bar of Texas Board of Directors

Re: State Bar President Larry P. McDougal

To Whom It May Concern:

We write this letter on behalf of Larry McDougal current State Bar of Texas President. We reached out to Mr. McDougal and have offered this letter to show our support as members of the State Bar of Texas.

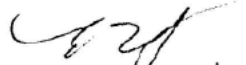
We voted for Larry as did the majority of the members of the State Bar of Texas. These members voted for Larry because they knew him and believed he would be the best fit for the future of the Bar. Larry is a great attorney and great person. I have always known him to fight for his clients but to do so in an ethical manner. I have never seen him say something about someone because of their skin color or any other basis. It has been based on their actions or comments. Larry supports all people in what they want to do and accomplish. He may not agree with someone's point of view or political views but he still treats them with respect. To go after every person and take things from their pasts post that are out of context and in the past is not the society we have created over so many years. The United State of America and especially the great State of Texas has been founded on a person's rights to free speech and opinion. This is what we are founded on and to now take away our rights will set this nation back and cause another civil war.

We cannot allow a minority of the people to dictate for everyone. Larry was duly elected by the majority and should not be removed by a minority by threat. Just because someone may have a different opinion than you about a matter does not mean you can hate them and try to ruin them. God has told us to love thy neighbor. This means you should love everyone and wish them the best in life. This does not mean you have to like them or be friends with them or even be around them. But you do treat them with love and wish them the best. We are too quick to allow the minority of people to dictate and rule the majority on issues and history. We need to move forward as a society and all love and respect each other. Larry is the type of person who can bring all sides together as he has supported all people though his work as an officer, an attorney and as a citizen of this great state.

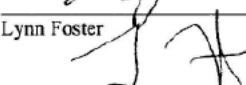
To allow Larry to be forced to resign or to remove him would be a huge mistake for the State Bar of Texas and would not be supported by the majority of its members. We are a society formed on the basis of the majority rules not a single person or small group. We happily support Larry and all those working hard on the State Bar of Texas and believe the Bar has a duty to support all of its members and proceed on the desires of the majority or allow attorneys to opt out of being a member.

We will be available for any questions if asked.

Sincerely,
The Foster Law Firm



Lynn Foster



Lonnie Foster

Lead Information

Name: Mabel Simpson

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Date Received: Jul 13, 2020 1:02pm CST

First Name: Mabel

Last Name: Simpson

Phone:

Email Address:

Message: I left a message to regarding the Texas Lawyer article. You should not be apologizing, BLM is the platform for the Democrats to raise money via ActBlue, and the BLM that is violent is criminal.

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From: Mary McDonald <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Trey Apffel <Trey.Apffel@TEXASBAR.COM>
Subject: Larry

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Hi Trey,

I hope you are well. I'm distressed over the whole world right now and sad that the bar has been caught up in the fray.

I've know Larry for years and he is admittedly uncouth and outspoken, however I've read his remarks and personally I just dont think he meant anything racist by it...Including that BLM is a terrorist group. Not all of them are...but it would be hard to dispute that there is a contingency that's exists that is.

I was distressed to see that the bar threw him under the bus and didn't try to defend him in any way. The "apology" from the leaders makes it sound like they agree that he's a racist in my opinion.

Everyone is stressed right now and people are overly sensitive to any small thing that might seem racist in any way. They seem to think that if you dont support everything that's going on 100% then you are a racist. That is just not true. I think everyone needs to take a step back and calm down.

Please let it lay still for a while before taking any more actions. Trump will tweet something stupid tomorrow and everyone will be distracted again.

Just my two cents.
Sincerely,
Mary McDonald

From: Michael Geller [REDACTED]
Date: July 17, 2020 at 11:07:34 AM CDT
To: Larry McDougal <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Lawyers Need More From the Bar

Black Lives matter, by their founder's own admission, is Marxist.

Marxism is the antithesis of everything the Bar stands for.

This ilk is vicious and it will be a rough ride.

Stand firm.

I support you.

Michael L. Geller
Attorney at Law
[REDACTED]
DALLAS TX 75225
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lead Information

Name: Mikee Appell

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date Received: Jul 14, 2020 11:44am CST

First Name: Mikee

Last Name: Appell

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message: President McDougal; you and I have never met but I want you to know how distressing it was for the last two days to read the bar Daily News Briefing articles demanding your resignation. Please don't allow the crazy crowd to make you the next victim of these hysterical malcontents' demands to stamp out free speech. Its so sad and frightening to see the abuse that is inflicted on someone for speaking their opinion, especially when it is an undeniable truth.

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Mona H. Tucker

Carthage, Texas 75633

July 13, 2020

State Bar of Texas
Board of Directors
Texas Law Center
1414 Colorado Street
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Larry McDougal

Dear Officers and Directors:

After reading news articles and your condemnation of President Larry McDougal, I decided that I must step up and add my voice to the discussion.

My first thought was that it seems curious that Mr. McDougal's statements, made *years ago*, only came to the surface after his taking office as President of the State Bar. If his comments were so offensive and inflammatory, why did no one take note of them earlier?

Watching the news and the protests across our nation in recent weeks, it seems to me that everyone is fired up about "free speech", yet the Bar has censored President McDougal and are attempting to oust him from his duly-elected post because he exercised his own right to free speech. Why is it okay for the Black Lives Matter movement to protest and riot under the cover of constitutional rights, but when it comes to someone who criticizes that movement, he is told to shut up and sit down? Larry McDougal did not make his comments on behalf of the State Bar, but as a private individual. Moreover, because the Bar has begun this outcry against him, I understand that he and his family have been threatened.

When I served as Director and then as President of the Paralegal Division of the State Bar, I experienced politics first-hand. While most of us tried to work together for the good of the PD, occasionally, there were those who sought to disrupt and cause confusion. I am disappointed and saddened to see politics driving the State Bar. Please allow President McDougal the same rights and freedoms that are applauded in others. I encourage each of you to work together diligently as a united Board for the good of Texas lawyers and their paralegals. Such division and strife are hurtful and are causing a serious loss of confidence in the State Bar.

Sincerely,

Mona H. Tucker, ACP
NALA Certified Paralegal
Advanced Certifications – Discovery and Trial Practice

Lead Information

Name: Paul Simpson

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Date Received: Jul 13, 2020 4:48pm CST

First Name: Paul

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Message: Unfortunately, condemning and attacking those with unstylish views is all too common these days. It's difficult to stay calm in the middle of the maelstrom. Please don't let pressure and threats intimidate you to reverse a reasoned opinion, however unpopular it may be.

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Page: <http://www.larrymcdougal.com/about/larry-p-mcdougal-sr/>

From: Noel Meza [REDACTED]
Date: July 17, 2020 at 5:01:24 PM CDT
To: "Larry P. McDougal Sr." [REDACTED]
Cc: Charles Limandri [REDACTED], Paul Jonna [REDACTED]
Subject: Free Speech & BLM

Dear Mr. McDougal,

Our law firm just learned about your unfortunate situation and the attacks on your First Amendment right to free speech. We thought that the following information may be helpful:

Numerous public figures and politicians have condemned and criticized Black Lives Matter:

- African-American politician Ben Carson, who is the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, has criticized Black Lives Matter and called it a “Marxist-driven organization” that “espouses things like taking down the model of Western family structure,” and advocates for the dismantling of police departments across the country. (<https://www.foxnews.com/media/ben-carson-defends-terry-crews-black-lives-matter>).
- African-American politician Walt Blackman—a member of the Arizona House of Representatives—has also labeled Black Lives Matter as a terrorist organization. (<https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2020/06/04/black-lawmaker-calls-blm-a-terrorist-organization>; <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona/2020/06/05/black-gop-legislator-criticism-blm-terrorist/3149272001>).
- U.S. Senator Ted Cruz has called the BLM protests “domestic terrorism.”
- The Mayor of Olympia, Washington, Cheryl Selby, has referred to the Black Lives Matter protests as “domestic terrorism.” (Dom Calicchio, *Washington State Mayor Now Calls BLM Protests ‘Domestic Terrorism’ After Her Home Vandalized*, FOX NEWS (June 18, 2020), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/washington-state-mayor-now-calls-blm-protests-domestic-terrorism-after-her-home-vandalized>).
- Representative Larry Pittman of Cabarrus County, North Carolina called Black Lives Matter violent protesters “ignorant thugs,” “criminals,” and “domestic terrorists” because they “are bent on destroying our country and our way of

life.” (<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article243568942.html>).

- Councilman Aurelio Mattucci of Torrance, California has publicly called Antifa and the Black Lives Matter movements terrorist groups, stating “I believe in the cause to fight for equal rights and (against) corruption, but at what point do you think it’s OK to leave a path of destruction that ultimately hurts innocent people?” (<https://www.dailybreeze.com/2020/06/13/torrance-councilman-draws-outrage-with-remarks-about-black-lives-matter/>).
- The Mayor of Irvine, Christina Shea, has heavily criticized the Black Lives Matter protests and has been defending the use of lethal police force, stating: “I will not allow my city to become a location for expressions of anger and hate against my residents and my stellar police force who I stand behind 100%.” (<https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/entertainment/story/2020-06-08/irvine-mayor-christina-shea-under-fire-for-comments-criticizing-black-lives-matter-protests>).
- The Mayor of Woodcreek, Texas, Gloria Whitehead, criticized the Black Lives Matter movement as being a threat to the safety of the U.S. (<https://www.statesman.com/news/20200610/hays-county-mayor-criticized-after-calling-black-lives-matter-Isquoathreat-to-our-livesrsquo-reports-say>).
- Councilwoman of Oviedo, Florida, Judith Dolores Smith, publicly denounced the Black Lives Matter movement and accused the movement of waging war. She stated on Facebook that the Black Lives Matter movement is stealing “the history of our Black ancestors who were slaves in order to try to give legitimacy to their evil intentions and much more.” (<https://orlando-politics.com/2020/06/18/oviedo-council-woman-smith-denounces-the-black-lives-matter-movement/>).

Black Lives Matter leaders have also publicly called for violence against our country and churches. On June 24, 2020, the President of Black Lives Matter in New York stated: **“If this country does not give us what we want, then we will burn down this system and replace it.”** (Victor Garcia, *Black Lives Matter Leader States if US ‘Doesn’t Give Us What We Want, Then We Will Burn Down This System’*, FOX NEWS (June 24, 2020, 3:46 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/media/black-lives-matter-leader-burn-down-system>; see also Ryan Parry, *EXCLUSIVE: ‘We Prepare To Stop These Murders By Any Means Necessary.’ Black Lives Matter Leader Declares War On Police And Group Is ‘Training Our People To Defend Our Communities’ In Black Panther Style Armed ‘Patrols’*, DAILY MAIL (June 3, 2020, 1:42

PM), <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8384065/Black-Lives-Matter-leader-declares-war-police.html>).

And, on June 22, 2020, Black Lives Matter leader and activist Shaun King posted on his Twitter account the following:

Yes. All murals and stained glass windows of white Jesus, and his European mother, and their white friends should also come down. They are a gross form of white supremacy. Created as tools of oppression. Racist propaganda. They should all come down.

(@ShaunKing, TWITTER (June 22, 2020, 10:07 AM), <https://twitter.com/shaunking/status/1275113067555303424>).

In addition, since the protests have begun, there have been numerous incidents of attacks by protestors (identifying as Black Lives Matter members and/or advocates) on innocent people and churches. For example, on July 6, 2020, Christians at Grace Baptist Church in Troy, New York, were gathering to worship on Sunday when Black Lives Matters members and advocates stormed their sanctuary and took over their church. These BLM members stopped the service and assaulted the peaceful Christians verbally and physically. (<https://mobile.twitter.com/bennyjohnson/status/1280165501642178560>). Similarly, on July 4, 2020, BLM protestors destroyed a statute of Saint Junipero Serra and burned the statute's face and struck it with a sledgehammer. (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-07/usa-california-bishop-sacramento-decries-serra-statue-destructio.html>).

I hope this information helps you during these tough times.

All the best,
Noel

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From: Rex Hogue [REDACTED]
Date: July 16, 2020 at 8:08:44 AM CDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Larry McDougal comment

Diane, first, thank you for serving the State Bar. I've been a licensed Texas attorney for over 27 years. I'm sending this from my home email as these are my personal comments. This will be long, but I will cite a lot of material. To make this simpler, when I'm talking, I put it in *italics* and *RLH Comment:* precedes my comments.

By way of introduction, the political issues related to the recent riots and the death of George Floyd that allegedly triggered those riots, is something I've been looking at for several years. Now it's moved to the Texas State Bar Association, and that's sad in and of itself. But there is something worse. What I've seen going on the last few days is very disturbing, specifically from the Texas Lawyers Face Book page. It saddens me that our profession, people (attorneys) sworn to uphold the US Constitution, would ignore the most basic information. I won't say this publicly, but these lawyers are violating their oath of office to defend and protect the US Constitution. I've seen calls for Larry McDougal to resign as State Bar president. I find it shocking that no one seems to have actually looked at the Black Lives Matter website to see what it says. Anyone who reads what is there, as an attorney, can only conclude BLM are not the good guys! They intend to destroy the US Constitution. Their words leave no doubt about it.

You said on a post yesterday that you are here to listen, understand, and fight for solutions. Here is a chance to do that, and then research and think carefully before acting. You say you have been reading and listening. I don't doubt that, but have you actually read the BLM website? Have you seen what they actually stand for? Have you heard what their leaders are claiming about who they are and what their goals are? I have.

My own words below are preceded by RLH and in *italics*. This way you will know when I'm saying something vs. something I've provided a source for. I've not posted this information on Texas Lawyer FB page because there is way too much for a single post. And sadly, I think many lawyers wouldn't even do the research. Those claiming others are tone-deaf seem to themselves be tone-deaf.

I believe there are wild claims being made about Larry McDougal that are provably wrong. What I've seen discourages me from wanting to participate in State Bar activities. I'm referring to State Bar CLEs as most of the ones I've attended I thought are well done, etc., as I'm not really one to be interested in running for anything, but also sharing info on attorney Face Book pages. If the State Bar doesn't actually uphold principles of the First Amendment, that is beyond hypocritical. Larry, who I do not know, is being criticized for comments made in 2015 that I think accurately reflect what BLM is, and opining regarding an electioneering issue that at worst is his personal opinion that is wrong, but if the issue is studied, there is a reasonable basis for his statement.

I look forward to your response. Thank you for your time. The remainder is related info I've accumulated and commented on.

RLH Comment: I pulled this from the BLM website. I commented on some but not all of them and my comments are preceded by the word Comment. I'd suggest you go to the BLM website and see these comments for yourself.

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/>

- Unapologetically Black in our positioning.

RLH Comment: Let's call this what it is. It's racism, pure and simple!

- Make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead.
- Do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege (pro LGBT; more than 2 genders).
- Disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure.

RLH Comment: One of the biggest problems in the black community is the lack of a nuclear family structure. This is insane – one of the biggest problems in the black community they intend to make worse. They aren't interested in fixing the problems in the black community.

- Foster a queer□affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).
- Inspired by Dream Defenders.

RLH Comment: Dream Defenders wants to end police and prisons – i.e., they support anarchy.

- Enraged by Trayvon Martin death.

RLH Comment: This is a false narrative of murder when Trayvon Martin attacked a Hispanic (George Zimmerman) and was killed. Zimmerman was found not guilty. The prosecutor in the case failed miserably by not voice printing Zimmerman and the 911 call. The case would likely have been dropped since it would likely have showed Zimmerman was being attacked, was screaming when Martin was on top of him beating him, and shot him from the ground when he was finally able to get his weapon out. Trayvon Martin was no innocent black man murdered by a white person.

- Sought “justice” for Mike Brown.

RLH Comment: This is a false narrative about a guy who attacked a cop who was in his car. The cop was severely injured in the attack and shot Brown, who was reaching into the cop's car to try to wrestle the cop's gun away from him. Brown did not have his hands up and he wasn't yelling “Don't shoot.” Most of that is on video. It's certainly not a case of an innocent unarmed black man being killed by a white cop.

- Calls these “state-sanctioned violence and anti-Black racism”

RLH Comment: Can't prove either. In 2019, 9 unarmed black men were killed by cops in the US. 5 of them were in the process of attacking the cops when they were shot and were justified shootings. In the other four cases, the cops were charged with crimes. That is exactly how the system should work.

RLH Comment: This info straight from the BLM website shows a radical anti-American agenda. There should be no doubt that BLM is a political movement with a radical, Marxist agenda, which is exactly what their leaders claim. A lawyer opinion that wearing a BLM shirt or hat where voting is taking place is electioneering is not unreasonable. Nor is calling BLM a terrorist organization. Recent riots have proven that to be the case!

Campaign Focus

RLH Comment: Things BLM has campaigned for:

- Racial Injustice

RLH Comment: While they foster racial injustice? That's hypocritical.

- Police Brutality

RLH Comment: Based on the cited cases they are so outraged about? It's a false narrative for the cases they cite. They aren't interested in truth. They overlook when wrong does happen, that the wrongdoers are punished, so wrongdoing isn't tolerated by the system.

- Criminal Justice Reform
- Black Immigration
- Economic Injustice

RLH Comment: While they go destroy the businesses of those who have worked hard to build them? And they destroy business that actually serve the poor black communities, making it even harder on those communities. The very people they claim they want to help are hurt by having to travel further and pay more for the same goods and services because the business that was serving them has been looted, and sometimes burned.

- LGBTQIA+ and Human Rights
- Environmental Conditions
- Voting Rights & Suppression
- Healthcare
- Government Corruption
- Education
- Commonsense Gun Laws

<https://www.politico.com/story/2015/10/gun-control-black-lives-matter-214939>)

RLH Comment: Be specific and name one that doesn't violate the 2nd Amendment.

RLH Comment: I've said there is a huge difference between Black Lives Matter (see above) and black lives matter, which falls under ALL lives matter. Why would the phrase all lives matter offend anyone? I'm of the opinion that if someone feels the need to put a color in front of the phrase "lives matter," they are the ones being racist.

BLM Goals

- Take away all guns from citizens
- Eliminate/defund police
- Use no force against rioters
- Eliminate requiring bail

- Empty/eliminate prisons

RLH Comment: This is why they won't say All Lives Matter. These are radical, lawless ideas designed to destroy our nation of laws.

RLH Response George Floyd

First, there is actually no evidence in Floyd's death that Chauvin's actions were race-based. I've not read the filings, but I'm told a black prosecutor didn't even bring race up. Chauvin made no racist comments at the scene. He is (or was) a bad cop and a bully, but not necessarily a racist.

Second, he was fired as soon as possible, and charged with a serious crime. If that isn't the system working, what is?

People are claiming that police officers killing unarmed blacks is rampant. It's not – that is a false narrative. In 2019, police killed 9 unarmed black men. If you research the cases, you would find that 5 of them were in the process of attacking cops at the time. In the other 4 cases, the cops were charged with a crime. That means 4 unjustified shootings, or at least suspected unjustified shootings, in a nation with 330,000,000. While I agree it's 4 too many, it is by no stretch of the wildest imagination rampant. That same year, 19 unarmed white men were killed by cops. Where is the outcry for those? Something tells me, though I've not researched those cases, that probably close to half were doing something that justified the shootings. Even if all 19 were unjustified, it's still a small number in a nation the size of the US.

If the statement black lives matter is true, and it is, why don't the almost 50% of black children who are aborted matter? Why don't the black lives lost in black on black violence, which statistically constitutes 85-90% of black homicides, matter? And what about the 10 black cops murdered in the recent riots by rioters matter?

Other Sources of Info

BLM Leader says group developing highly trained “military” arm for “war on police”

<https://disrn.com/news/blm-leader-says-group-developing-highly-trained-military-arm-for-war-on-police?fbclid=IwAR1wTWQW6b3dEwX1LouqzdYllzo8MfinzSIpfDF73Leuvaqut7BD7aq63Kc>

Adam Ford, June 9, 2020

A Black Lives Matter leader in New York revealed in an interview with the [Daily Mail](#) that the activist group is developing a highly trained “military” arm to lead the “war on police.”

Hawk Newsome, chairman of BLM's Greater New York chapter, said the organization has military Special Forces officers training and advising members who will “patrol” black communities and challenge law enforcement.

Newsome said:

“We are preparing and training our people to defend our communities ... We are prepared to stop these government sanctioned murders by any means necessary.

We pattern ourselves after the Black Panthers, after the Nation of Islam, we believe that we need an arm to defend ourselves.

We will build and train peace officers to keep the peace in our communities, to defend our communities, to keep our communities safe.”

The activist said money has been flooding into the organization from wealthy people and celebrities, specifically naming Rihanna and Nick Cannon as large contributors.

“It’s our obligation, it is our duty to provide people with a pathway forward,” he said.

“We want liberation. We want the power to determine our own destiny. We want freedom from an oppressive government, and we want the immediate end of government sanctioned murder by the police.”

Asked about the riots happening across America, Newsome refused to denounce violence and looting, saying:

“Black Lives Matter didn’t create this violence. Black Lives Matter is a product of this violence. The rioters are the product of the violence.”

RLH Comment: Below is a cite to another article and the link, but one letter in response seems very appropriate in that it captures BLM’s use of a false narrative to push their radical anti-American agenda. If you are interested in other studies that show the myth of systemic police racism, I have at least 5 additional articles.

https://globegazette.com/opinion/systemic-racism-is-a-myth-letter/article_8c024c5c-06f7-530d-95e7-cd95b520a7c1.html

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Jun 6, 2020 Updated Jun 8, 2020

Lisa Grouette

The facts point this out as follows. Data has been compiled by the Washington Post since 2015 on every police shooting in America, and killings by police of unarmed Black Americans has gone down every year since they started charting, with 2019 only showing 10 unarmed Black Americans killed by the Police. Of the 10, in 5 of these, the police officer was attacked before shooting the person. In 4 cases the officer was charged with a crime. Doesn’t exactly sound like genocide of Black Americans as some far left politicians and media personalities have told us. Sure doesn’t sound like systemic racism, either. Another important statistic, 48 police officers were murdered in 2019, according to FBI data.

So although we all agree that the murder of George Floyd was horrible, it was the actions of a few bad cops, not an indictment on our police, not by a long shot.

So why is Mr Floyd’s murder being played up so much by the left and the left-leaning media, to the point they have created the anger, riots, looting, that is destroying our country? One theory that stands out is for Democrats to win the 2020 elections. By now we know of the other failed attempts to take down President Trump including, Russian Collusion, Obstruction of Justice, a phone call to Ukraine, and trying to ruin the strong economy by overhyping COVID-19 and shutting down the economy.

Now that the COVID scare is winding down, and both the stock market and economy are starting to improve with 5 months to go before the general election, time for a new tactic to create fear, anarchy, and take down the president. That's where we are today.

Pat Ropella, Mason City

Rex Hogue
[REDACTED]

Note: This email goes only to my home computer. If you need to reach me during business hours, email [REDACTED]

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First Name: Rex

Last Name: Hogue

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Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message: Larry, I'm an attorney in Frisco, TX. I have info regarding the Black Lives Matter movement I'd love to send you! BLM is definitely a political organization, and pretty radical. If interested, email me and put BLM info in the subject and I'll share with you what I have. I completely disagree with those calling for your resignation

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From: Larry McDougal [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Lowell, hang in there...
Date: July 13, 2020 at 5:34 PM
To: Junior mcdougal-law-lpm@comcast.net

Larry P. McDougal
Attorney
Board Certified Criminal Law
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Rich Robins [REDACTED]
Date: July 13, 2020 at 4:47:03 PM CDT
To: Lowell Brown [REDACTED]
Subject: Lowell, hang in there...
Reply-To: [REDACTED]

Hang in there Lowell. While I can imagine that a day like today is one that you'd always like to avoid (since nobody will be 100% satisfied, kinda like during litigation), I would like to express strong support for anything the Texas Bar does that shows it is behaving rationally & calmly instead of excessively and unfairly regarding Larry McDougal. I think Larry can make a fine president. If we demand that elected officials cease having personal opinions on matters of substance, we'll cease having spirited elected officials. That sort of blandness seems like part of why so few even vote in Bar elections:

<http://www.TexasBarSunset.com/voter-abstention> .

So in brief, FWIW, from this vantage point it seems best to hold on to Larry McDougal as president. For those who say the SBOT isn't behaving decisively enough by failing to put his presidency in the guillotine, please feel free to invite them to have cordial interactions with the TexasBarSunset crew. We'll respectfully engage with them and they'll be better off for it. So will we. We're lawyers, not mobsters.

Respectfully,
Rich

(***Rich Robins is a Texas-based, bilingual litigator of contract disputes, statewide. Although he has never been publicly or privately sanctioned by any bar authority in any state or country, Rich finds the current Texas attorney disciplinary system to be counterproductively potentially hazardous for well-meaning attorneys, and also unnecessarily cost-increasing for honest clients. All of Rich's Sunset-related and Texas Bar-policing work is proudly done strictly as an unpaid volunteer.)

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Lead Information

Name: Richard Ellison

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Date Received: Jul 13, 2020 9:03pm CST

First Name: Richard

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Message: Dear Larry - I am sorry that you are a target of the 'woke' mob. What you said about BLM is true - they are thugs. The people who are attacking you are Lenin's 'useful idiots.' Do not let them beat you into resigning. More lawyers must speak the truth. If you haven't read him, I recommend Colin Flaherty who was a prominent journalist writing for big time publications, until he dared tell the truth about black crime, particularly violence. They blackballed him. These bastards are tearing America apart and good people like you have to stop them. Regards, Richard Ellison, Kerrville

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From: "Richard A. Lybarger" [REDACTED]

Subject: State bar

Date: July 17, 2020 at 11:23:48 AM CDT

To: McDougal Larry <[REDACTED]>

Hi Larry. I just want to write and tell you that I am very supportive of you and I am Siemens by what I see happening in our country today. I support you and stand with you. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help with this.

Sent from my iPhone.

Richard A. Lybarger

Attorney at Law

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Date Received: Jul 13, 2020 10:31pm CST

First Name: Robert

Last Name: Hoffman

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message: Statement of support: I'm a lawyer in Dallas. I recently sent an email here to the effect that Larry McDougal is crazy to be willing to become state bar president. That was in jest because of the hassle he is enduring. I pray that he will not resign. I read the postings and do not think he did anything inappropriate. Good luck to you. No response is needed or requested to this.

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Lead Information

Name: Robert Markle

Email Address:

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Date Received: Jul 18, 2020 12:59pm CST

First Name: Robert

Last Name: Markle

Phone: (

Email Address:

Message: To Mr. McDougal, Sr., Just a quick word of support regarding the phony outrage being ginned up against you. Everything you said about BLM is correct. It's a communist, American terrorist, racist organization. Its "mostly peaceful protests" are anything but. It is filled with criminal thugs and petty totalitarians. Please don't let the rabid media dogs or the lunatic leftist retards on social media stop you from speaking your mind.

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July 13, 2020

State Bar of Texas
Board of Directors
1414 Colorado Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Support for Larry McDougal – State Bar President.

Dear State Bar of Texas:

I write to support Larry McDougal as President of the State Bar of Texas.

The “woke mob” wants to hang Mr. McDougal for posting a comment that leans against the politically correct wind. Please consider that your rank and file State Bar members may not take the same umbrage as the mouthy elitists when someone dares to share an opinion.

Mr. McDougal’s 2015 post is well before the election for the State Bar of Texas office he now holds. This post was readily available to anyone who sought to find it. If the elites believe that such comments are so critical, perhaps they should have done a better job of vetting Mr. McDougal prior to the State Bar presidential election, rather than howling about it now after the fact.

Mr. McDougal should be given the benefit of the doubt concerning his intent in posting his comment. Unless there is much more, the screeching by the elitists should not drown out the many who believe people have the right to speak their minds without getting nailed to the cross.

Very truly yours,



Robert A. Sherman
State Bar 00182451

Lead Information

Name: Robert Thornton

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Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date Received: Jul 17, 2020 10:47am CST

First Name: Robert

Last Name: Thornton

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Message: I am a 15 year Texas attorney. I have followed your travails with this BLM thing. It is apparent that you are being treated poorly by those who are in the grips of blind adherence to misguided ideology and the unfortunate disregard for the freedoms we claim to work to uphold. Please stay in the saddle. Yours, Robert A. Thornton, Esq.

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Date Received: Jul 17, 2020 12:47pm CST

First Name: Ryan

Last Name: Wolf

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message: I support Larry McDougal's right to express his opinions, especially when he exposes serious problems inside of and with the Black Lives Matter organization. If people in or aligned with that organization disagree with Mr. McDougal, then they should try to defeat him with more speech or at the ballot box. Attempting to silence Mr. McDougal through cancel culture is an act of fascism. It's also intellectually lazy and dishonest. Please stand your ground, Mr. McDougal. Do not resign. I stand with you.

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From: Stuart Shaffer [REDACTED]
Subject: Board Meeting Inquiry
Date: July 21, 2020 at 3:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Please give my best to Mr. McDougal during this difficult time. I was made aware of the situation through Ms. Marialyn Barnard, and I have sent the following to SBOT in support of Mr. McDougal.

All the best,
Stuart A Shaffer

"Greetings,

I wish to caution this board from taking any action against Larry McDougal for offering his legal *opinion*. To express an opinion regarding social issues is a long standing American right. I do not believe Larry McDougal was offering his opinion as the *SBOT President*, but rather as an individual. If the members of the Texas State Bar are displeased with Larry's actions, they may express so in an election.

Be cautious what kind of precedent *you* set here. *You* never know when your opinions might fall out of favor with society and place *you* on the chopping block. In that moment, *you* may wish *you* had afforded more freedom to those with whom you disagreed.

Stuart A. Shaffer, Esq."

From: Todd Nectoux [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Letters of support for Larry McDougal
Date: July 13, 2020 at 4:48 PM
To: Larry McDougal Jr. [REDACTED]

Larry,

I don't think I am prepared to take on drafting a letter, but I would add my name to a letter of support if it aligned with my view of the matter i.e. that no matter whether you dad's view that the lady in the photo was electioneering is a correct interpretation of state law, his view as expressed and without more, should not result in him being forced to resign as President of the State Bar.



Todd R. Nectoux
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From: "Larry McDougal Jr." [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 at 1:30 PM
To: Todd Nectoux [REDACTED]
Subject: Letters of support for Larry McDougal

Todd,

This is Larry McDougal Jr, son and law partner to Larry Sr. Thank you for your support, these last couple days have not been easy on our family. Thank you for reaching out to us, my father is at MD Anderson with an emergency surgery. Don't you worry we are going to hold strong. We are working on preparing letters for the State Bar Board of Directors in support of my father maintaining his position. Would you be willing to put something together for us? I cant help with the drafting if you would like.

Larry P. McDougal, Jr. Larry P. McDougal, Jr.
Law Office of Larry McDougal
Attorney
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Lead Information

Name: Todd Nectoux

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Date Received: Jul 13, 2020 12:12pm CST

First Name: Todd

Last Name: Nectoux

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Message: Tell Larry to hang in there and please don't resign as Bar President. Thanks.

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Page: <http://www.larrymcdougal.com/about/larry-p-mcdougal-jr/>

On Jul 17, 2020, at 1:06 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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Dear Mr. McDougal, My name is Victor H. Negron, Jr. I am a Past-President of the San Antonio Bar Association (SABA). A little while ago, I received a notice from SABA about a Resolution that I was told the Board of Directors of SABA authorized and passed. This Resolution is basically telling you to do what the Black Lawyers Section of SBOT is telling you you have to do, or resign. I am writing to state my support for what you did. I have already written the President of the San Antonio Bar Association telling them that I felt that passing that Resolution, without any input from membership, was a grave error, and that the Resolution should be withdrawn. Please know that I, like you, know the origins and roots of the BLM, and feel that they are a danger to our democracy. You don't strike me as a person who can be bullied. Don't give in to the PC crowd and get cancelled. I support you. Thank you for your continued leadership of the SBOT. God bless. Victor