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## **Institute Statement on Black Lives Matter**

The William E. Morris Institute for Justice supports the Black Lives Matter movement and condemns police brutality and systemic racism. We stand in solidarity with our community and with the protesters calling for reforms.

The murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 was senseless and shows the disparities in how people of color are treated by law enforcement. We mourn his loss, and that of the many, many others who have been killed at the hands of police officers.

The Institute has long fought against injustice and remains committed to fighting systemic inequality, particularly in our home state of Arizona where Dion Johnson was recently shot and killed by an Arizona of Department of Public Safety trooper. The police should not be allowed to abuse their authority and harm members of our community without penalties. They must be held accountable for their actions. We, as a society, are all responsible for combatting this problem.

The Institute promises to work hard for our community, and to use our skills, resources, and privilege to help bring about change.

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