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LACBA's Statement on *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*

Los Angeles, CA, June 16, 2020 – The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) joins the vast majority of Americans in celebrating the decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, which extends the protections of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act to LGBTQ+ people. In California, for a number of years, the LGBTQ+ community has been protected from discrimination and harassment in the workplace based on their sexual orientation, gender identity, or who they love. But for millions of our fellow Americans, no such workplace protections existed. The Supreme Court's decision in *Bostock* rectifies that inequity and reminds us that our institutions retain inspiring potential to do justice and effect urgently needed change. "On this historic occasion, we are reminded of the words of the late Supervisor Harvey Milk: 'Rights are won only by those who make their voices heard,'" says Ronald F. Brot, LACBA's President.

The Los Angeles County Bar Association remains dedicated to facilitating full and equal participation in the legal profession by members of the LGBTQ+ community, and others who historically have been underrepresented. LACBA is focused on increasing the number of LGBTQ+ attorneys and committed to promoting their advancement and retention in all areas of the legal profession. LACBA serves as a forum for dialogue, supports collaboration on promoting diversity in the legal profession, and strongly encourages community service.

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