



## **Colorado Bar Association and The Rule of Law Task Force Statement on Minneapolis**

Our nation is experiencing a significant erosion of public trust, leaving many communities grappling with fear, anger, and profound uncertainty. When systems designed to protect public safety and uphold justice fall short, the harm extends far beyond individual cases, it undermines the rule of law itself.

Members of the legal profession are uniquely positioned, and uniquely obligated, to address these concerns. Our responsibility is not abstract. It is rooted in the Constitution, in due process, and in the promise of equal justice under the law. We serve the public best when we defend those principles without hesitation and reject efforts that weaken them. The rule of law cannot endure without transparency, accountability, and a steadfast commitment to human dignity.

This is a call to leadership. The legal community must work actively to safeguard civil liberties, reinforce the fair administration of justice, and ensure that the systems entrusted with public authority operate within constitutional bounds. Doing so requires integrity, courage, and a willingness to confront hard truths. The strength of our legal institutions, and the confidence placed in them by future generations, depend on our willingness to uphold these obligations today.