



# Archer Honors the Memory of George Floyd and the Renewed Fight for Racial Justice in His Name

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The Archer community marks the first anniversary of the death of George Floyd and recognizes the movement for equity and justice that has spread throughout the country in his name. As we work daily to make progress, we renew our commitment to stand together, break the silence and build a more just society.

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin. On April 20, 2021, a jury convicted former Officer Chauvin of murdering Mr. Floyd.

While Mr. Floyd did not choose to be a martyr, his death has come to represent a breaking point in the community's tolerance for unchecked police power, as citizens all over the world have protested in support of racial justice in the year since his murder, and have demanded increased scrutiny of and greater accountability for law enforcement. In spite of the energy and determination of this activism, the anniversary of his death and intervening reports of the questionable use of police force remind us that the challenge persists.

Archer's attorneys have long supported and worked with law enforcement agencies, the judiciary and others in our communities to implement policies and procedures that will ensure the fair and equitable administration of justice, including accountability for police officers. We are committed to racial justice, and to the fundamental principle that the protections afforded by the Constitution apply equally to all Americans.

Systemic biases in law enforcement are an affront to this principle. Institutional inequities in the administration of the law have contributed to the masking of racially discriminate law enforcement. These biases and inequities must be eliminated. The entire team at Archer remains committed to the work necessary to support and maintain equity and inclusion in an increasingly diverse society, despite the seemingly glacial pace of true reform.

We at Archer pledge to work even harder toward a more just society, and to actively identify and challenge biases that exist within our legal system which hinder equity and inclusion for all members of our communities,

particularly people of color.

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