

April 1, 1985

Dear Colleague:

Each day, we receive news from South Africa of increasing government repression of anti-apartheid organizations and violence against peaceful protesters. The treason charges against 16 leaders of the United Democratic Front and the more than two dozen murders at the hands of South African soldiers underscore dramatically the need to continue the public outcry against apartheid. Please add your voice to millions of others by signing this statement, which will appear in the New York Law Journal on Law Day, May 1.

Very truly yours,

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LAW DAY STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID

In recent weeks, the repressive and inhuman system of apartheid has intensified its state terrorism against the Black majority population of South Africa. The world community has universally condemned the system of apartheid as a crime against humanity.

WE, AS MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK LEGAL COMMUNITY, consistent with our commitment to justice and the international rule of law, believe our voices and presence must be counted in opposition to apartheid.

WE THEREFORE CALL UPON OUR GOVERNMENT:

- 1) To end its policy known as "constructive engagement" and to take all appropriate measures to disassociate the United States politically and economically from the support of the apartheid system.
- 2) To take prompt and effective measures to end South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia without external preconditions and in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions.

WE CALL UPON ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL COMMUNITY to use their professional and personal skills to oppose apartheid and to work to achieve the above proposed changes in United States foreign policy toward South Africa.

I wish to include my name as a signatory to the above statement, to be printed in the New York Law Journal on May 1, 1985. To assure that my name is printed I enclose my contribution toward the cost of the ad in the amount of:

\$5 \$15 \$25
 \$10 \$20 Other

Make checks payable to LEGAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID.

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