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## **Statement from ACBA President Mark A. Martini**

**PITTSBURGH** – In light of the ongoing inquiries into the operations of the judicial system of Pennsylvania, Mark A. Martini, President of the Allegheny County Bar Association, has issued the following statement.

“The Allegheny County Bar Association views any conduct that is demeaning to women, racist, or discriminatory to any person or group as completely unacceptable. Those who choose to serve in our judiciary must be beyond reproach. Members of the public must have every confidence that they will be treated fairly, impartially and with the utmost respect during every encounter with our judicial system.

“Pennsylvania’s justice system has come under attack recently as numerous media outlets and public figures have levied criticism on the entire legal profession based on the alleged conduct of just a few. These circumstances call into question that confidence in the legal system that is so essential.

“We have a duty to ensure that this matter receives a full review. The ACBA recommends a fully independent and comprehensive investigation of all of the actions and communications in question, and of all of the people involved. Our system of justice requires this and deserves nothing less.”

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