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A Lawyers Role in Alleviating Inequities Through Advocacy

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In this election year and in light of the fallout from the Coronavirus outbreak, it is an important time to reflect on the need for legislative advocacy on behalf of the African American community for health inclusion. The clarion call for better health care in Black communities is often focused on the poor outlook and outcome of the population. African Americans are overrepresented in chronic diseases and underrepresented in research and resources. We must also be concerned with conditions in our prisons, as we know they systemically provide poor care for inmates, a large percentage of whom are minority. It is a moral imperative for lawyers of color to advocate for inclusion of these populations in the treatment protocols.

Additionally, we can and should ensure that African American businesses and entrepreneurs are not being denied the economic opportunities provided to others. While a great deal of the health care conversations surrounding African Americans is and should be focused on the tremendous health disparities, we should not overlook the economic disparities and inequities African Americans face in the health care industry.

As the government doles out hundreds of billions and possibly trillions of dollars in contracts and grants, Black institutions and businesses will barely gain a pittance of the money spent. This exclusion will be another example of generational wealth and opportunity being denied the African American Community.

This is an opportunity and even a duty for lawyers of color to seek out potential clients and advocate for minority inclusion in this effort. We have been denied these opportunities for far too long. Black Colleges, researchers, manufacturers, transporters, warehouses and other businesses need to be at the table. The government should be held accountable for meeting minority contracting goals.



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