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In light of the police killings George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and countless others, the members of the *Kansas Law Review* want to make clear our dedication to anti-racism. The *Kansas Law Review* unequivocally denounces racism of any form. We stand against state-sponsored violence and police brutality. Black Lives Matter. The lives of KU Law's Black students, professors, and alumni matter.

The *Kansas Law Review* recognizes that, as a publisher of legal scholarship, its work can play a role in perpetuating institutional racism by passing along ideas that we have not challenged critically. The *Kansas Law Review* further recognizes that legal journals and the legal profession have historically nurtured—and benefited from— institutional racism. This is unacceptable. In recognition of our unique positioning to encourage positive legal reform, the Editorial Board of Volume 69 of the *Kansas Law Review* pledges to actively challenge institutional racism through our scholarship and our interactions in Green Hall, Lawrence, and beyond. We pledge to publish work that meets a high standard of critical engagement, and to critically challenge our own understanding of the law as a tool for oppression and justice.

We recognize that statements from institutions are often little more than platitudes, used to create good PR. We do not intend this message as such. To demonstrate our commitment, the *Kansas Law Review* will dedicate its *Forum* posts for the 2020–21 school year to legal issues relating to racial justice, criminal justice reform, and institutional racism. The *Kansas Law Review* is also donating \$500 to the Kansas City Community Bail Fund. The *Kansas Law Review* will continue our commitment to antiracism by seeking ways to use our position to help dismantle institutional racism and white supremacy. The *Kansas Law Review* challenges fellow legal journals to critically assess how they can meet their responsibilities to combat racism in the legal profession.

Sincerely,

The Volume 69 Editorial Board