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Armenian Bar Association Statement on Recent Developments Regarding Armenian Genocide Reparations Lawsuit Settlement

Founded in 1989, the Armenian Bar Association's mission embraces the promotion of human rights and the rule of law throughout the world, including denouncing crimes against humanity and genocide. As part of that mission, our Association combats denial of the Armenian Genocide, a colossal crime that resulted in the systematic deaths of over a million Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire during and after World War I.

Given our organization's sustained efforts to promote the historical truth of the Armenian Genocide, it is with profound sadness and concern that we learn of the allegations of malfeasance against several Armenian-American lawyers and their involvement in the improper disbursements of legal settlements in the names of victims of the Armenian Genocide in the recent investigative report of the *LA Times* titled "How corruption spoiled Armenian genocide reparations" (March 23). If true, these allegations not only violate the ethical aspirations of the Armenian Bar Association's membership, but they represent a grave breach of our organization's core values.