



In light of recent events, we have decided to undertake a firm-wide effort to provide financial support to the nation's premier legal organization fighting for racial justice, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. For those of you who may not know it, the Legal Defense and Educational Fund, or LDF as it has come to be known, was founded by Thurgood Marshall in 1940 and has played a pivotal role in the fight for racial equality. You can learn more about it [here](#).

As its mission statement declares, "Through litigation, advocacy, and public education, LDF seeks structural changes to expand democracy, eliminate disparities, and achieve racial justice in a society that fulfills the promise of equality for all Americans. LDF also defends the gains and protections won over the past 75 years of civil rights struggle and works to improve the quality and diversity of judicial and executive appointments."

We at ML have shown our commitment to equal justice for all in a variety of ways – in how we practice law, in our pro bono efforts, and in how we conduct our business day in and day out. We are now committing ourselves to supporting the cause in another way – by financially supporting an institution that aligns with our interests as dedicated legal advocates and devotes itself to an especially salient cause in these challenging times, when so many people are hurting from, and expressing their frustrations with, longstanding racial injustice.

We are encouraging everyone to make a donation, in whatever amount is right for you, to LDF. You can make your contribution using your credit card here: [LDF Donations](#).

The path to meaningful change, and the realization of an America in which all are truly equal under the law, is neither easy nor obvious. We hope that each of you will join us in making a contribution to an organization that is devoted to helping our nation make that journey.