



We, the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), the Latinx American Law Students Association (LALSA), and Penn Carey Law Lambda, unequivocally condemn Amy Wax and Jared Taylor.

Wax, Taylor, and their ideologies are antithetical to the missions of our affinity groups to welcome, support, and promote students of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Wax has [declared](#) that “our country will be better off with more whites and fewer nonwhites,” while Taylor has proclaimed his dedication to defending discrimination.<sup>1</sup> While differing opinions on the law and legal scholarship should be welcomed at a law school, racism, xenophobia, homophobia, and white nationalism have no place in any conversation, let alone at an academic institution that touts the diversity of its student body.

The affinity groups who have signed onto this statement have come together in solidarity because Wax and Taylor have spoken negatively about all of us. Wax has [declared](#) that “the United States is better off with fewer Asians.”<sup>2</sup> Taylor [used](#) the slur “Chinaman” to refer to Chinese persons. Wax has [warned](#) that “anti-assimilation ideas gaining ground among some Hispanic immigrants” is “destructive of a sense of solidarity and reciprocity among Americans.” Taylor [claimed](#) that there are innate disparities between European and African or Latin American societies, causing white societies to fare better. The American Renaissance, Taylor’s racist publication, introduced its mission to its readers by arguing that the presence of Black and Hispanic people in the United States can be nothing but a disadvantage.<sup>3</sup> While sitting alongside a gay professor, Wax “[decried](#) same-sex relationships as self-centered, selfish and not focused on family or community.” These statements and the ideologies behind them perpetuate hate and violence against all of our communities. All those who espouse these ideas, including Wax and Taylor, deserve no place on our campus.

We also want to voice our unwavering support for the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at Penn Carey Law whose members have been disproportionately targeted and harmed by Wax and Taylor’s statements. We recognize the anti-Blackness that pervades even communities of color. We stand in solidarity with our Black peers and encourage all to read their statement on the matter.<sup>4</sup>

Year after year, Penn Carey Law proudly touts its diversity statistics on public facing materials.<sup>5</sup> It [proclaims](#) that the law school works “to cultivate an environment where diversity is celebrated

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<sup>1</sup> “I have spent 25 years patiently establishing the factual and moral bases for discrimination,” Taylor wrote in [a blog post](#) on his website American Renaissance.

<sup>2</sup> See also Penn APALSA and SALSA’s [prior statement](#) specifically addressing Wax’s anti-Asian statements.

<sup>3</sup> “In fact, [B]lacks and Hispanics are, compared to whites, far more likely to be poor, illiterate, on welfare, or in jail; they are far more likely to have illegitimate children, be addicted to drugs, or have AIDS. By no definition of international competitiveness can the presence of these populations be anything but a disadvantage.” — Who Speaks for Us? (A Word of Introduction to Our Readers), [American Renaissance](#), 1990.

<sup>4</sup> Read BLSA’s statement [here](#).

<sup>5</sup> The [Class of 2026’s Entering Class Profile](#) notes that the class consists of 48% women, 49% students of color, and 21% who identify as LGBTQ+. The [Class of 2025](#) consists of 55% women, 56% students of color, and 25% who identify as LGBTQ+.



and elevated, so that every member of our community can thrive with a sense of belonging.” Yet, year after year, the administration fails to take action against Amy Wax and continues to allow her to invite speakers like Jared Taylor. Wax and her guests perpetuate violence against our communities and are antithetical to Penn Carey Law’s commitment to diversity and inclusion. The use of the diverse student body in marketing materials while failing to discipline those who oppose our place in this country and in this school is hypocritical and exploitative.

As a professional school, Penn Carey Law purports to prepare all its students for fulfilling legal careers. Yet, Wax, who does not believe in the equal ability of all students to attain success,<sup>6</sup> remains unpunished. Taylor, who believes that the presence of minority groups in the United States is nothing but a disadvantage,<sup>7</sup> remains a sanctioned guest on campus.

As an academic institution, Penn Carey Law purports to allow its students to learn about and engage with diverse opinions. Yet, Wax has made clear that she does not believe in the value, intelligence, and abilities of students of color before they have even walked into the room.<sup>8</sup> As a result, students of color feel barred from taking her classes.

Penn Carey Law is not just a training ground for soon-to-be attorneys—It is also preparing future leaders to think critically, promote justice, and stand up for equity and inclusion. Wax, Taylor, and the ideologies they stand for are diametrically opposed to this mission.

The labor required to maintain the social and scholarly vibrancy of Penn Carey Law often falls on the shoulders of the affinity groups, from assisting with recruitment efforts to organizing flagship symposiums.<sup>9</sup> Forcing us to address the issue of Wax and her provocative guests time and time again adds yet another burden to our plates. It is time for the administration to take definitive action and stand firmly against white supremacy.

Signed,

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Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

Latinx American Law Students Association\*

Penn Carey Law Lambda

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<sup>6</sup> In an op-ed, Wax [wrote](#), “All cultures are not equal. Or at least they are not equal in preparing people to be productive in an advanced economy.”

<sup>7</sup> *Supra* note 3.

<sup>8</sup> *See, e.g.*, a podcast interview in which Wax [said](#) “I don’t think I’ve ever seen a Black student graduate in the top quarter of the class and rarely, rarely in the top half.”

<sup>9</sup> The affinity groups signing onto this statement organize a symposium every Spring, bringing renowned speakers and guests to Penn Carey Law. *See* [APALSA’s 2023 Conference](#), [Lambda’s 2023 Symposium](#), [LALSA’s 2023 Conference](#).

\* Reached by split supermajority vote.