



## Statement Regarding Violence Directed to Asian Community

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*Incidents of hate and discrimination directed at Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) have dramatically spiked over the last year. According to the nonprofit organization Stop AAPI Hate, almost 3,800 hate incidents were reported between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021. A Pew Research Center survey found that 31% of Asian adults say they have been subjected to racial slurs or jokes since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. In this time, there has been an unacceptable increase in hate speech and violent attacks against Asians and Asian Americans in Connecticut and throughout the country.*

*We are proud of our law firm – not just because of our absolute commitment to our clients – but also because of the high moral and ethical standards that we have set for ourselves. Cohen and Wolf has a long tradition of encouraging and supporting our attorneys in their work in the community, support of charitable causes, and pro bono activities. The targeting of members of the Asian community highlights the need for speaking up and speaking out against racism, scapegoating and bigotry in all of its forms. It is essential that we all help to shine a light on this abhorrent conduct, and that we voice our support for members of the AAPI community. At Cohen and Wolf, we strive to embrace diversity, equity and inclusion, and we continue to work every day to make our law firm a safe, welcoming environment for everyone.*