

SWASTIKA AT UC BERKELEY

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Subject: Berkeley Law Statement from the Dean

Dear Law School Community,

Yesterday afternoon a vile symbol of hate, a swastika, was drawn on a flyer that had been placed on a law school bulletin board. I am sickened, saddened, and horrified to have this occur in our law school.

I believe that I speak for our entire community in condemning such expressions of hate. They have no place here.

Yesterday, the law school hosted a controversial speaker, Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz. Several of our students expressed their disagreement with him and did so in a completely appropriate way that led to discussion and dialogue. I was pleased to hear of how this went, but then shocked to learn of the swastika drawn on a flyer that someone had posted about him.

My hope is that our community will come together in reaction to this and make clear this is a community where we celebrate our diversity and that we all condemn this act of vandalism.

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