The ABA Coalition on Racial and Ethnic Justice and the National Task Force on Stand Your Ground Laws is pleased to announce the release of the Final Report with Recommendations of the National Task Force on Stand Your Ground laws in September 2015. It is the hope of the Task Force that the Report serves as an important guide to individuals, organizations, state and federal policy makers and governmental agencies in the U.S.

The Report contains an expansive, multidisciplinary, candid and thorough investigation and study of states’ Stand Your Ground laws including:

1. A summary of the comprehensive legal study and the recommendations made concerning the utility of states’ Stand Your Ground laws as well as their impact on the criminal justice system, public safety and individual liberties;
2. Intersecting topics such as the interplay between Stand Your Ground laws and the implicit/explicit bias; balancing the rights of an accused with that of a victim; and exploring the tensions surrounding the initial justification for passage of the Stand Your Ground laws; and
3. A culmination of the Task Force’s analysis of a substantial compilation of information excerpted from testimony from experts and stakeholders at six public town hall meetings; extensive legal research on each jurisdiction’s self–defense regime; and critical insights and expertise gleaned from roundtable series with our esteemed Advisory Committee.

Please order your complimentary copy of the Report today. We will have limited copies of the complimentary Report available in September 2015. You may contact, Rachel Patrick, Director of the ABA Coalition on Racial and Ethnic Justice at rachel.patrick@americanbar.org or at 312/988-5408.