

JAMES HO AND POLICING

Highlights:

- James Ho argued against holding police liable or accountable for their actions.

Ho Supported Protecting Police From Liability And Accountability

HO ARGUED IN FAVOR OF PROTECTING POLICE FROM LIABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Ho: “If We Want To Stop Mass Shootings, We Should Stop Punishing Police Officers Who Put Their Lives On Their Line To Prevent Them.” According to the ABA Journal, “Judge James Ho dissented Monday when the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declined to grant an en banc rehearing in a case involving a police shooting of a black man. Law & Crime and CNN noted the opinion. ‘If we want to stop mass shootings,’ Ho wrote, ‘we should stop punishing police officers who put their lives on the line to prevent them.’” [ABA Journal, [10/24/19](#)]

Ho Decried The “Social Costs” Of Civil Suits Against Police And Said Courts Should “Balance” Rights Of Victims With Impact On Officer Morale. According to Slate, “Ho has expressed this sentiment before. In an August opinion, he bemoaned the ‘social costs’ of civil lawsuits against the police. ‘Those social costs,’ he wrote, ‘are particularly stark today given widespread news of low officer morale and shortages in officer recruitment.’ He argued that courts should ‘balance’ the rights of police brutality victims against the impact of liability on officer morale.” [Slate, [10/25/19](#)]