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ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law, Malibu, CA

Associate Professor of Law 2022-present
Courses: *Constitutional Law II (Rights); Constitutional Theory; Second Amendment; Torts; Professional Responsibility*
Awards: Dean's Award for Excellence in Scholarship (2023-2024)

University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

Visiting Professor

Courses: *Constitutional Law I (Structure); Second Amendment*

Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC

Affiliated Scholar, Duke Center for Firearms Law

2022-present

Executive Director, Duke Center for Firearms Law & Lecturing Fellow

2019-2022

EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC

J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif

2013

Notes Editor, *Duke Law Journal*

M.A., Political Science

2013

Biola University, La Mirada, CA

M.A., Philosophy, highest honors

2010

M.A., Theology, highest honors

2010

University of California, Irvine, CA

B.A., Criminology, Law, and Society & Psychology and Social Behavior

2007

magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

BOOKS

THE SECOND AMENDMENT: GUN RIGHTS AND REGULATION (casebook) (Foundation Press, 2025)
(with Joseph Blocher, Jody Lyneé Madeira, and Darrell A.H. Miller)

NEW HISTORIES OF GUN RIGHTS AND REGULATION: ESSAYS ON THE PLACE OF GUNS IN AMERICAN LAW AND SOCIETY (ed. J. Blocher, J. Charles, D. Miller) (Oxford University Press, 2023)

ARTICLES & ESSAYS

Bruen's *Tenth Amendment Problem*

93 **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW** __ (forthcoming) (with Jonah Gelbach)

Equity's Bruen Moment: Trump v. CASA and Lessons for the Future of History & Tradition,

77 **FLORIDA LAW REVIEW** __ (forthcoming) (invited) [[www](#)]

▪ Recommended on Lawrence Solum's [Legal Theory Blog](#)

Teaching Firearms Law: One Big Opportunity and Three Pedagogical Challenges

34 **WILLIAM & MARY BILL OF RIGHTS JOURNAL** __ (forthcoming) (with Joseph Blocher & Darrell Miller) (invited) [[www](#)]

Ancillary Rights,

173 **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW** 1269 (2025) [[www](#)]

Salerno and the Second Amendment,

77 **SMU LAW REVIEW** 495 (2025) (invited) [[www](#)]

The New Outlawry,

124 **COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW** 1195 (2024) (with Darrell Miller) [[www](#)]

- Highlighted on Lawrence Solum's [Legal Theory Blog](#) ("Fascinating and important. Highly recommended. Download it while it's hot!")

Firearms Carceralism,

108 **MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW** 2811 (2024) [[www](#)]

- Selected for the 2024 American Constitution Society Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop

The Dead Hand of a Silent Past: Bruen, Gun Rights, and the Shackles of History,

73 **DUKE LAW JOURNAL** 67 (2023) [[www](#)]

- Discussed in multiple national media outlets, including in a front page story in the [New York Times](#), and formed the basis for a featured interview in [Politico Magazine](#)
- Cited in *Bianchi v. Brown*, 111 F.4th 438 (4th Cir. 2024) (en banc) (Diaz, C.J., concurring); *Antonyuk v. James*, 120 F.4th 941 (2d Cir. 2024); *Barris v. Stroud Twp.*, 310 A.3d 175 (Pa. 2024); *United States v. Brown*, 764 F. Supp. 3d 456 (S.D. Miss. 2025); *United States v. Baxter*, 2024 WL 4679096 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 5, 2024); *United States v. Pierret-Mercedes*, 731 F. Supp. 3d 284 (D.P.R. 2024); *United States v. Sing-Ledezma*, 706 F. Supp. 3d 650 (W.D. Tex. 2023); *United States v. Sims*, 2023 WL 4461997 (C.D. Ill. July 11, 2023); *United States v. Bullock*, 679 F. Supp. 3d 501 (S.D. Miss. 2023); *United States v. Allam*, 709 F. Supp. 3d 1091 (E.D. Cal. 2023)

On Sordid Sources in Second Amendment Litigation,

76 **STANFORD LAW REVIEW ONLINE** 30 (2023) [[www](#)]

- Cited in *United States v. Harrison*, 153 F.4th 998 (10th Cir. 2025); *United States v. Pierret-Mercedes*, 731 F. Supp. 3d 284 (D.P.R. 2024); *Baird v. Bonta*, 709 F. Supp. 3d 1091 (E.D. Cal. 2023)

"A Map Is Not the Territory": The Theory and Future of Sensitive Places Doctrine,

98 **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ONLINE** 438 (2023) (with Joseph Blocher & Darrell Miller) [[www](#)]

- Cited in *United States v. Allam*, 677 F. Supp. 3d 545 (E.D. Tex. 2023)

Time and Tradition in Second Amendment Law,

51 **FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL** 259 (2023) (invited) [[www](#)]

Firearms Law and Scholarship Beyond Bullets and Bodies,

19 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE** 165 (2023) (with Joseph Blocher & Darrell Miller) (invited) [[www](#)]

Securing Gun Rights by Statute: The Right to Keep and Bear Arms Outside the Constitution,
120 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 581 (2022) [[www](#)]

- Cited in *W. Virginia Coal. Against Domestic Violence v. Morrisey*, 2023 WL 5659040 (S.D.W. Va. Aug. 31, 2023)

The Trajectory of Federal Gun Crimes,

170 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 637 (2022) (with Brandon Garrett) [[www](#)]

- Cited in *Zherka v. Bondi*, 140 F.4th 68 (2d Cir. 2025); *United States v. Pierret-Mercedes*, 2024 WL 1672034 (D.P.R. Apr. 18, 2024); *People v. Brooks*, 242 N.E.3d 247 (Ill. App. Ct. 2023)

Violence and Nondelegation,

135 HARVARD LAW REVIEW FORUM 463 (2022) (with Darrell Miller) [[www](#)]

The Promise (and Peril) of Libertarian Solutions to Gun Violence,

40 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS 86 (2022), reviewing IAN AYRES & FREDRICK E. VARS, WEAPON OF CHOICE: FIGHTING GUN VIOLENCE WHILE RESPECTING GUN RIGHTS (2020) (invited) [[www](#)]

Second Amendment Animus,

116 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2021) [[www](#)]

- Response by William D. Araiza, *Disgust and Guns: Conduct, Identity, and Second Amendment Animus*, 116 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1365 (2022) [[www](#)]

Pointing Guns,

99 TEXAS LAW REVIEW 1173 (2021) (with Joseph Blocher, Samuel Buell & Darrell Miller) [[www](#)]

- Response by Kimberly Kessler Ferzan, *Taking Aim at Pointing Guns? Start with Citizen's Arrest, Not Stand Your Ground*, 100 TEXAS LAW REVIEW ONLINE 1 (2021) [[www](#)]

Constructing a Constitutional Right: Borrowing and Second Amendment Design Choices,
99 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 333 (2021) [[www](#)]

A Double Filter Provision for Expanded Red Flag Laws: A Proposal for Balancing Rights and Risks in Preventing Gun Violence,

48 JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS 126 (2021) (with Gabriel Delaney) (invited) [[www](#)]

Firearms, Extreme Risk, and Legal Design: "Red Flag" Laws and Due Process,

106 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1285 (2020) (with Joseph Blocher) [[www](#)]

- Formed the basis for an op-ed in the [Washington Post](#)
- Cited in *Richard v. Speaker of House of Representatives*, 175 N.H. 262 (2022)

Defeasible Second Amendment Rights: Conceptualizing Gun Laws That Dispossess Prohibited Persons,

83 **LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS** 53 (2020) [[www](#)]

- Cited in *United States v. Williams*, 2023 WL 8288973 (W.D. Tenn. 2023)

The Geography of a Constitutional Right: Gun Rights Outside the Home,

83 **LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS** i (2020) (with Joseph Blocher & Darrell Miller) [[www](#)]

COVID Lays Bare the Need for Attending to Second Amendment Theory,

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW OF NOTE (May 28, 2020) [[www](#)]

The Debt Limit and the Constitution: How the Fourteenth Amendment Forbids Fiscal Obstructionism,

62 **DUKE LAW JOURNAL** 1227 (2013) (Note) [[www](#)]

BOOK CHAPTERS

An Overview of Gun Registration in U.S. History, in **NEW HISTORIES OF GUN RIGHTS AND REGULATION: ESSAYS ON THE PLACE OF GUNS IN AMERICAN LAW AND SOCIETY** (ed. Joseph Blocher, Jacob D. Charles, Darrell A.H. Miller) (Oxford University Press 2023) (with Genesa Cefali)

SELECTED POPULAR WRITING

[Let's Not Bring Back Jail for Swearing](#), THE NEW YORK TIMES (Oct. 10, 2024) (with Matthew Schafer)

[The Right's Dystopian Vision for America: Machine Guns For All](#), THE NEW REPUBLIC (Aug. 28, 2024)

[On Guns, the Supreme Court Can't Shoot Straight](#), WASHINGTON MONTHLY (June 29, 2024)

[The Federal Judicial Ruling That Would Put Guns on California Playgrounds](#), SLATE (Jan. 3, 2024)

[One Year of Bruen's Reign: An Updated Empirical Analysis](#), DUKE CTR. FOR FIREARMS L. SECOND THOUGHTS BLOG (July 7, 2023)

- Cited in *United States v. Daniels*, 77 F.4th 337, 357 (5th Cir. 2023), cert. granted, judgment vacated, 144 S. Ct. 2707 (2024)

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[Bruen, Private Property & the Second Amendment](#), DUKE CTR. FOR FIREARMS L. SECOND THOUGHTS BLOG (Dec. 2, 2022)

- Cited in *Koons v. Platkin*, 673 F. Supp. 3d 515, 609 (D.N.J. 2023)

[The Supreme Court's Big Second Amendment Decision Is Wreaking Havoc on Gun Safety Laws](#), SLATE (Oct. 7, 2022)

[Are Gun Laws Constitutional? Courts Must Now Look at History to Decide.](#), WASHINGTON POST (June 30, 2022)

[Bruen, Analogies, and the Quest for Goldilocks History](#), DUKE CTR. FOR FIREARMS L. SECOND THOUGHTS BLOG (June 28, 2022)

- Cited in *Atkinson v. Garland*, 70 F.4th 1018, 1029 (7th Cir. 2023) (Wood, J., dissenting)

[No, Red-Flag Gun Laws Don't Violate Due Process Rights](#), WASHINGTON POST (June 7, 2022) (with Joseph Blocher)

[Ghost Guns, History, and the Second Amendment](#), DUKE CTR. FOR FIREARMS L. SECOND THOUGHTS BLOG (Apr. 27, 2022)

- Cited in *Ocean State Tactical, LLC v. Rhode Island*, 646 F. Supp. 3d 368, 375 (D.R.I. 2022), aff'd, 95 F.4th 38 n.6 (1st Cir. 2024)

[Are Gun Rights Safe After S.B. 8?](#), THE HILL (Dec. 15, 2021)

[Newsom's Riff on the Texas Abortion Law Is Less Radical Than It Sounds](#), LOS ANGELES TIMES (Dec. 13, 2021)

[Supreme Court Justices Sounded Suspicious of New York's Gun Law. Here's What Might Come Next.](#), WASHINGTON POST (Nov. 5, 2021)

[The "Charleston Loophole" and the Second Amendment](#), JURIST ACADEMIC COMMENTARY (Mar. 21, 2019)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

A Youngstown Framework for History & Tradition

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

McGuireWoods LLP, Raleigh, NC

Associate, Appeals and Issues Practice Group & Products Liability Practice Group,
2017 – 2019

Hon. Allyson K. Duncan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Raleigh, NC
Law Clerk, 2016 – 2017

Hon. Colleen McMahon, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, NY, NY
Law Clerk, 2015

O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Washington, DC

Associate, White Collar Criminal Defense & Gov't Investigations Practice Group, 2013 – 2015

Summer Associate, 2012

American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC

Legal Intern, 2011

PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Bruen's Tenth Amendment Problem*, University of Florida Law School Applied Originalism Seminar (Prof. Benjamin Johnson), February 6, 2026

Panelist, "Who, What, and Where: Second Amendment Questions the Supreme Court Will Finally Answer This Term and Questions It Continues to Avoid," American Association of Law Schools Firearms Law Section Program, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 7, 2026

Presenter, *Bruen's Tenth Amendment Problem*, Sixteenth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, School November 7, 2025

Speaker, "The Supreme Court's Second Amendment: History, Policy, and Legitimacy," Arizona State University Barrett Honors College, Tempe, Arizona, November 5, 2025

Presenter, *Bruen's Tenth Amendment Problem*, BYU J. Reuben Clark Law School Constitutional Law II seminar (Prof. Lucy Williams), October 16, 2025

Commentator, *Assessing the Use of History & Tradition in the U.S. Supreme Court*, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Providence, Rhode Island, July 18, 2025

Presenter, *Bruen's Tenth Amendment Problem*, Seventh Annual Firearms Law Works-in-Progress Conference, Laramie, Wyoming, June 6, 2025

Panelist, *History and Tradition: What is It?*, University of Florida Law Review Panel before the 2025 Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law, April 3, 2025

Presenter, *Second Amendment Standing*, National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, Arizona, March 29, 2025

Presenter, *Second Amendment Standing*, Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, February 28, 2025

Panelist, *How Firearm-Harm and Gun-Policy Researchers Can Assist Courts in a Post-Rahimi Legal Landscape*, 2024 National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Seattle, Washington, December 9, 2024

Presenter, *Ancillary Rights*, Fifth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, November 15, 2024

Presenter, *Salerno and the Second Amendment*, Symposium: Rahimi and the Future of Text, History, and Tradition, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, Texas, October 25, 2024

Panelist, *Rahimi and Bruen: Searching for "Principles" in an "Unprincipled Body of Law,"* Symposium: Paths Forward From the Age of Gun Violence: Industry Accountability and the Modern Second Amendment, University of Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, New York, September 27, 2024

Keynote: *Second Amendment Law: Text, History, and the Place of Contemporary Evidence*, Fall Retreat, Center for the Study of Guns in Society, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, August 30, 2024

Presenter, *Ancillary Rights*, New Scholars Workshop, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 22, 2024

Panelist, *The Second Amendment: History, Politics, and the Future of Democracy*, American Political History Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, June 7, 2024

Presenter, *Ancillary Rights*, Firearms Law Works-in-Progress Workshop, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina, May 24, 2024

Panelist, *The Second Amendment Post-Bruen*, United States District Court for the Central District of California Judicial Conference, Huntington Beach, California, March 23, 2024

Presenter, *Ancillary Rights*, Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2, 2024

Presenter, *Ancillary Rights*, National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, Arizona, February 24, 2024

Presenter, *The New Outlawry*, Remedies Section Works-in-Progress Workshop, American Association of Law Schools, Washington, D.C., January 6, 2024

Presenter, *Firearms Carceralism*, American Constitution Society Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop, American Association of Law Schools, Washington, D.C., January 5, 2024

Panelist, *Liability for Gun Violence*, Torts and Compensation Systems Section Annual Program, American Association of Law Schools, Washington, D.C., January 3, 2024

Moderator, *Second Amendment and Sensitive Places*, Firearms Law Section Annual Program, American Association of Law Schools, Washington, D.C., January 3, 2024

Speaker, *Domestic Violence, Child Custody Litigation, and Firearm Fatality Prevention*, UC-Irvine Initiative to End Family Violence, Irvine, California, December 11, 2023

Presenter, *Aiming for Answers: Balancing Rights, Safety, and Justice in a Post-Bruen America*, University of Minnesota Law Review, Minneapolis, Minnesota October 27, 2023

Presenter, *Public Health History, and the Future of Gun Regulation After Bruen*, Fordham University Law School, New York, New York, October 13, 2023

Presenter, *Bruen: Second Amendment Litigation Over One Year Later*, American Constitution Society, July 28, 2023 (virtual)

Moderator, *Public Carry and Gun-Free Spaces After Bruen*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2023 Conference, Boca Raton, Florida, July 27, 2023

Moderator, *Gun Rights and Responsibilities in America*, Niskanen Center, July 20, 2023 (virtual)

Panelist, *Guns Everywhere: Individual Rights & Communal Harms after NYSRPA v. Bruen*, Symposium, UCLA Law School, Westwood, California, October 22, 2022

Panelist, *Discussion of the Bruen Decision and the Future of Gun Control*, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, September 27, 2022

Panelist, *Sensitive Places and the Challenges of Applying Bruen in the Lower Courts*, Second Amendment Symposium, New York University Law School, New York, New York, September 23, 2022

Presenter, *Violence and Nondelegation*, Symposium, “Guns, Violence, and Democracy,” Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 25, 2022

Moderator, *Privatizing the Gun Debate* Conference, Durham, NC, March 18, 2022

Panelist, *The Second Amendment: A Live Reaction to Oral Arguments in New York State Rifle & Pistol v. Bruen*, Duke Law Federalist Society, Durham, NC, November 3, 2021

Presenter, *Guns, Violence, and Criminal Justice Reform*, Firearms Law Works-in-Progress Workshop, Cody, Wyoming, July 23, 2021

Presenter, *Securing Gun Rights By Statute: The Right To Keep and Bear Arms Outside the Constitution*, Duke Faculty Workshop, June 30, 2021 (virtual)

Presenter, *Securing Gun Rights By Statute: The Right To Keep and Bear Arms Outside the Constitution*, Junior Scholars Workshop, April 15, 2021 (virtual)

Presenter, *Guns, Violence, and Criminal Justice Reform*, Duke Law Early Stage Workshop, March 8, 2021 (virtual)

Presenter, *A Right to Bear Arms? A Debate on the Importance of the Second Amendment in Contemporary America*, Georgetown University Federalist Society, October 14, 2020 (virtual)

Panelist, Symposium on *The Second Amendment’s Next Chapter*, Northwestern University Law Review, October 9, 2020 (virtual)

Presenter, Cliveden Conversation Series, *The History of Gun Rights and Regulation in American History*, Cliveden of the National Trust, September 16, 2020 (virtual)

Presenter, Symposium on *Seeing Red: Risk-Based Gun Regulation*, University of Alabama Law & Psychology Review, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, February 21, 2020

Moderator, *Hot Topic: The Second Amendment at the Supreme Court and the Future of Heller*, Association of American Law Schools, Washington, D.C., January 4, 2020

Moderator, *The Second Amendment at the Supreme Court: A Conversation with Nina Totenberg*, Washington, D.C., December 12, 2019

Presenter, *Citizen Debate on the Second Amendment*, Empower the People, Durham, North Carolina, November 8, 2019

Panelist, *Campus Carry Debate*, UNC Federalist Society, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, October 24, 2019

Presenter, *Debate on the Constitutionality of an Assault Weapons Ban*, Cornell Political Union, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, October 1, 2019

Presenter, *Defeasible Second Amendment Rights: Conceptualizing Gun Laws That Dispossess Prohibited Persons*, Symposium on Gun Rights and Regulation Outside the Home, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina, September 27, 2019

Panelist, *Supreme Court Update*, Gun Violence Prevention Grantee Convening, Joyce Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, May 8, 2019

Presenter, *The Second Amendment: History, Politics, and Religion*, Theology Uncorked with Crosspointe Church, Cary, North Carolina, April 23, 2019

Panelist, *Enough: Speaker Panel on Gun Violence Prevention*, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, April 16, 2019

SELECTED MEDIA

Quoted in "[Will latest Supreme Court Decision Affect California Bans on Assault Weapons, Magazines?](#)" LOS ANGELES TIMES, June 22, 2024

Quoted in "[Hunter Biden Gun Conviction Law Has Divided US Appeals Courts](#)," BLOOMBERG LAW, June 13, 2024

Quoted in "[How the Supreme Court Could Help Hunter Biden Appeal His Conviction](#)," CNN, June 12, 2024

Quoted in Kevin Rector, "[If We Must Rely On 'History And Tradition' To Assess Gun Laws, Does Racist History Count?](#)" LOS ANGELES TIMES, Feb. 7, 2024

Quoted Alex Swoyer, "[Historical Record Clashes With Gun Control Precedent; Judge Favors Possession In Post Office](#)," THE WASHINGTON TIMES, Feb. 1, 2024

Quoted in Joan Greve, “[The Major Tests US Gun Control Activists Face in 2024](#),” THE GUARDIAN, Jan. 2, 2024

Quoted in Lauren Hamilton, “[What Could United States vs. Rahimi Mean For The Gun Rights Of Domestic Abusers?](#),” NPR, Nov. 14, 2023

Quoted in Josh Gerstein, “[Gun Rights And Domestic Violence Collide At Supreme Court — But Justices Will Be Looking To The Past](#),” POLITICO, Nov. 7, 2023

Quoted in Adam Liptak, “[Supreme Court’s Devotion to Gun Rights Faces a Challenging Test](#),” N.Y. TIMES, Nov. 6, 2023

Quoted in Mark Sherman & Lindsay Whitehurt, “[A Domestic Violence Survivor Wants The Supreme Court To Uphold A Gun Control Law](#),” ASSOCIATED PRESS, Nov. 6, 2023

Quoted in Joan Greve, “[Republicans Want It Both Ways: Less Gun Control And Hunter Biden Gun Charges](#),” THE GUARDIAN, Sept. 20, 2023

Quoted in Kaelan Deese, “[Legality Of Hunter Biden Gun Charges Challenged By Supreme Court Bruen Ruling](#),” WASHINGTON EXAMINER, Sept. 17, 2023

Quoted in Erin Doherty, “[Democrats Question Legality Of New Mexico’s Temporary Gun Ban Order](#),” AXIOS, Sept. 12, 2023

Quoted in Kevin Rector, “[9th Circuit Ruling Threatens California Ban On Unlicensed Open Carry Of Handguns](#),” L.A. TIMES, Sept. 8, 2023

Quoted in Lindsay Whitehurst, “[Appeals Court Rules Against Longstanding Drug User Gun Ban Cited In Hunter Biden Case](#),” ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 10, 2023

Interviewed for Matt Valentine, “[Clarence Thomas Created a Confusing New Rule That’s Gutting Gun Laws](#),” POLITICO, July 28, 2023

Quoted in John Kruzel, “[Key Gun Control Measure in the Crosshairs at Supreme Court](#),” REUTERS, July 7, 2023

Quoted in Lawrence Hurley, “[Supreme Court Considers Recoil From Landmark Gun Rights Ruling](#),” NBC NEWS, June 18, 2023

Quoted in Betsy Woodruff Swan, “[Could Hunter Biden be the Next Poster Child for Second Amendment Rights?](#)” POLITICO, June 1, 2023

Quoted in Kevin Rector, “[Gun Rights Advocates Renew Legal Fight Over California’s 10-Day Wait for Firearm Buyers](#),” L.A. TIMES, May 3, 2023

Interviewed on *[Inside with Jen Psaki](#)*, MSNBC, Apr. 25, 2023

Quoted in Kimberly Kindy, “[Newly Empowered in State Legislatures, Democrats Target Gun Control](#),” WASH. POST, Mar. 8, 2023

Quoted in Alex Riggins, “[San Diego To Take Spotlight in Fight Over California's Gun Laws. History Will Be Key](#),” SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE, Mar. 6, 2023

Quoted in Jonah E. Bromwich, “[New York's Gun Laws Sow Confusion as Nation Rethinks Regulation](#),” N.Y. TIMES, Feb. 27, 2023

Quoted in Alanna Durkin Richer & Lindsay Whitehurst, “[Turmoil in the Courts on Gun Laws in Wake of Justices' Ruling](#),” ASSOCIATED PRESS, Feb. 18, 2023

Quoted in Jennifer Mascia & Will Van Sant, “[Bruen Takes Gun Law Back to a Time Before 'Domestic Violence'](#),” THE TRACE, Feb. 8, 2023

Quoted in Ruth Marcus, “[Ye Olde Supreme Court? Your Originalism is Making America Unsafe](#),” WASH. POST, Feb. 4, 2023

Quoted in Kelsey Reichmann, “[Disarray in Lower Courts after Supreme Court's 2nd Amendment Shake-up](#),” COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE, Feb. 3, 2023

Quoted in Prem Thakker, “[Court Rules That Domestic Abusers Can Possess Firearms](#),” NEW REPUBLIC, Feb. 2, 2023

Quoted in Jamelle Bouie, “[You Can Let Republicans Destroy the Economy, or You Can Call Their Bluff](#),” N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 20, 2023

Quoted in Richard Fausset, “[A Heavily Armed Man Caused Panic at a Supermarket. But Did He Break the Law?](#),” N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 3, 2023

Quoted in Douglass Dowty, “[Can You Bring a Gun to the Zoo?](#)” SYRACUSE NEWS, Dec. 2, 2022

Quoted in John Kruzel, “[Gun Control Laws Fall at Dizzying Pace](#),” THE HILL, Oct. 20, 2022

Quoted in Michael Macagnone, “[Court Rulings Wipe Out Gun Laws](#),” ROLL CALL, Oct. 19, 2022

Quoted in Jacob Gershman, “[Judges Across U.S. Expand Gun Rights](#),” WALL STREET JOURNAL, Oct. 10, 2022

Quoted in Y. Peter Kang, “[New York's Gun Law Signals Post-Bruen Era](#),” LAW360, Oct. 7, 2022

Quoted in Stefan Sykes, “[Gun Industry Faces a New Wave of Lawsuits](#),” CNBC NEWS, Oct. 6, 2022

Quoted in Becky Sullivan, “[A New Credit Card Code is a First Step in Preventing Gun Violence](#),” NPR, Sep. 15, 2022

Quoted in Emma Whitford, “[Local Biz Interests Welcome Gun-Free Times Square Zone](#),” LAW360, Aug. 31, 2022

Quoted in Champe Barton, “[States May Have Found a Way Through the Gun Industry's Liability Shield](#),” THE TRACE, Aug. 11, 2022

Quoted in Amber Phillips, “[What Are Red-Flag Laws?](#)” WASHINGTON POST, June 13, 2022

Interviewed for “[Fast Take: Senate Deal Marks 'Significant' Step on Guns](#),” REUTERS, June 13, 2022

Quoted in Samara Lynn, “[What Some Lifelong Gun Owners Say About AR-15s](#),” ABC NEWS, June 10, 2022

Interviewed for “[Jacob Charles on Legal Protections for Gun Manufacturers](#),” CSPAN WASHINGTON JOURNAL, June 2, 2022

Quoted in Max Zahn, “['Feckless' Ammunition Laws under Scrutiny Following Uvalde, Other Mass Shootings](#),” ABC NEWS, June 1, 2022

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Interviewed on, “[Will Texas Implement New Gun Restrictions in Response to School Shooting?](#),” CBS News, May 26, 2022

Quoted in Ariane de Vogue, “[Supreme Court May Soon Loosen Gun Laws as Nation Reels from Massacres](#),” CNN, May 26, 2022

Quoted in “[Fact-Checking Joe Biden's 2022 State of the Union Address](#),” PolitiFact, March 1, 2022

Quoted in Kevin McCoy, “[Gun Rights Groups' Wave of Lawsuits Could Change America's Relationship with Firearms](#),” USA TODAY, Feb. 24, 2022

Quoted in “Despite Biden's Claim, Gun Makers Can Indeed Be Sued,” ASSOCIATED PRESS, Feb. 14, 2022

Quoted in Reese Oxner, “[The Suspect In Saturday's Synagogue Standoff Obtained A Gun Despite His Troubled History. It's Not Difficult In Texas](#),” THE TEXAS TRIBUNE, Jan. 19, 2022

Quoted in Jennifer Mascia, “[Could Gun Restrictions Modeled on Texas's Anti-Abortion Law Work?](#)” THE TRACE, Jan. 19, 2022

Interviewed for Podcast with Susan Liebell, “[Postscript \[Rd. 2\]: The Supreme Court, Concealed Carry, and How Your Laws Might Change](#),” NEW BOOKS NETWORK, Nov. 21, 2021

Quoted in Libby Cathey, “[Why the Second Amendment May Be Overstated in the Gun Debate](#),” ABC NEWS, Oct. 28, 2021

Interviewed for Podcast with Susan Liebell, “[Postscript: The Supreme Court, Concealed Carry, and How Your Laws Might Change](#),” NEW BOOKS NETWORK, Oct. 26, 2021

Quoted in Karol Suarez and Danielle Renwick, “[Mexico is Suing US Gunmakers for Thousands of Guns Trafficked Across the Border Each Year. Can They Win?](#)” CNN, Aug. 28, 2021

Interviewed for Stephen Gutowski, “[Podcast: Duke’s Jake Charles on the California Assault Weapons Ban Ruling and Exclusives on Republican Efforts to Block Biden’s Gun Actions](#),” THE RELOAD, July 19, 2021

Quoted in Stephen Gutowski, “[Federal Judge: Government Liable for Background Check Failure That Led to Sutherland Springs Shooting](#),” THE RELOAD, July 7, 2021

Quoted in Jennifer Mascia, “[The Supreme Court’s Next Big Gun Case, Explained](#),” THE TRACE, May 18, 2021

Interviewed for David Westin, “[Balance of Power: SCOTUS Takes Second Amendment Case](#),” BLOOMBERG, April 27, 2021

Interviewed for Nina Totenberg, “[The U.S. Supreme Court Seems Headed For A Major Decision On Gun Rights](#),” NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, April 26, 2021

Quoted in Ariane de Vogue & Devan Cole, “[Supreme Court Agrees To Take Up Major Second Amendment Case](#),” CNN, April 26, 2021

Quoted in Jennifer Mascia, “[Spotlight On Solutions](#),” THE TRACE, April 13, 2021

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