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MATTHEW CUDDY is a research analyst with the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action's Research and Information Division. He specializes in statistical analysis, data science, and public opinion research, and frequently writes on these topics. Prior to joining ILA, Cuddy was a political consultant and pollster for a national research firm and later developed analytical solutions for government agencies as a contractor. He holds a Masters Degree in analytics from John Hopkins University.

STEPHEN P. HALBROOK has conducted civil litigation and criminal defense for over forty years, with a focus on Second Amendment and firearm law issues. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Florida State University and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. His Supreme Court practice includes representation of a majority of members of Congress as amici curiae in *D.C. v. Heller* (2008); acting as co-counsel for NRA in *McDonald v. Chicago* (2010); and arguing and winning *Castillo v. U.S.* (2000), *Printz v. U.S.* (1997), and *U.S. v. T/C Arms* (1992). Halbrook's books include *Firearms Law Deskbook*; *The Founders' Second Amendment*; *Securing Civil Rights: Freedmen, the Fourteenth Amendment, and the Right to Bear Arms*; *That Every Man Be Armed*; *Gun Control in the Third Reich: Disarming the Jews and "Enemies of the State"*; and *Gun Control in Nazi-Occupied France*. He is a Senior Fellow with The Independent Institute. See stephenhalbrook.com.

MICHAEL JEAN is the Director of the Office of Litigation Counsel at the National Rifle Association of America – Institute for Legislative Action. He is responsible for advancing NRA members' interests through litigation and advocacy. He has brought numerous suits vindicating NRA members' constitutional rights in state and federal courts across the country. He has also successfully challenged and intervened to defend federal hunting regulations. And he serves as a liaison between the NRA and several other hunting and wildlife-management organizations.

He received Bachelors of Arts degrees in Criminal Justice and American Public Policy from Western Michigan University. He went on to law school at the Western Michigan University – Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He was also a guest law student at: the Monash University Law Faculty, in Melbourne, Australia; the University of Canterbury School of Law, in Christchurch, New Zealand; the University of Toronto, in Toronto, Canada; and the University of San Diego's Paris Institute on International and Comparative Law in Paris, France. He clerked for the Criminal Division of the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan, in Detroit, and finished law school as a litigation intern at Safari Club International, in Washington, DC.

JOSH SAVANI is the Director of the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action's Research and Information Division. As director of research and information, Josh's primary responsibilities are overseeing ILA's research, writing, and legislative drafting and analysis activities. Before working as director, Josh worked as deputy director, research attorney, and law clerk for the Research and Information Division. Josh is a graduate of George Mason's Antonin Scalia Law School and a member of the Virginia Bar.

CHRISTOPHER ZEALAND is an attorney admitted to practice in Virginia and the District of Columbia. He joined the Research and Information Division of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action in 2009 and currently serves as senior research attorney. The Research and Information Division provides statistical, legal, and analytical support to other NRA divisions and also contributes content and editing for websites, magazines, and other published materials NRA makes available to its members and the public. Mr. Zealand additionally consults with counsel inside and outside the NRA on litigation efforts to protect the right to keep and bear arms.

Mr. Zealand's career has provided him with a broad perspective on criminal justice and the law. He was a dispatcher for the City of Cumberland (Maryland) Police Department in the 1990s; served as a federal probation & parole officer in New York City in the early 2000s; graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 2006; clerked for Judge Noël Anketell Kramer of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals from 2006 to 2007; and worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia during 2007 and 2008.

In 2006, Mr. Zealand won NRA's Civil Rights Defense Fund Law Student Scholarship Writing Contest for his essay, "Guns to the Left of Me: Firearms Ownership as a Neglected Civil Right." His paper "The National Strategy for Zombie Containment: Myth Meets Activism in Post-9/11 America" appears in the book *Generation Zombie: Essays on the Living Dead in Modern Culture*.