



# REPORTER

## GUN RIGHTS WIN ELECTION 2016

Now that the dust has settled and the shocked expression on many people's faces wear off, we are looking to the future of America with Donald J. Trump as president of the United States of America. Throughout his campaign for the presidency, he has made many promises about what he will change. Although we only focus on one topic here, guns rights.

In all likelihood, the longest lasting and largest impact he will make is through his nomination of Supreme Court justices. That's right, Justices plural. We all know there is currently a seat left empty because of the passing of Antonin Scalia this year but what a lot of people don't realize is that there are three judges specifically that are expected to want to retire. Justice Anthony Kennedy is 80, Justice Ginsburg is 83-years-old, and Justice Stephen Breyer is 78. This could give president-elect Trump the opportunity to nominate four new justices.

Supreme Court justices are appointed for life terms. The average lifespan for a man is 78 years old for men and about 81 for women in the U.S.A. This means that the next four years would see drastic changes in the makeup of the Supreme Court potentially making it seven conservative judges and two liberal judges.

The real question that I want to try and answer is who those Supreme Court justice nominees might be. Donald Trump has released a list of the top potential Supreme Court Justices on his website at [www.donaldjtrump.com](http://www.donaldjtrump.com). The full list of names are Justice Steven Colloton, Eighth Circuit. Justice Allison Eid, Colorado supreme court. Justice Raymond Gruender, Eighth Circuit. Justice Thomas Hardiman, Third Circuit.

Justice Raymond Kethledge, Sixth Circuit. Justice Joan Larsen, Michigan supreme court. Justice Thomas Lee, Utah supreme court. Justice William Pryor, Eleventh Circuit. Justice David Stras, Minnesota supreme court. Justice Diane Sykes, Seventh Circuit and Don Willett, Texas Supreme Court.

You should take a few minutes and look up the history and records of these ten judges. We know for sure that at least one seat on the Supreme Court is currently vacant but who knows how many more will need to be filled in Donald Trump's term of office. Of course, one thing that all of these judges have in common is that they are all conservative, some more than others but all safe bets that will help protect the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment Foundation is only focused on one topic here... second amendment rights.

Although there are many options for the Supreme Court that would support the second amendment there is one that I would like to talk about specifically that I think would personally do the most to protect our gun rights.

Thomas Hardiman who has been said to be a strong supporter of a broader interpretation of the second amendment saying "law that burdens persons, arms, or conduct protected by the Second Amendment and that does so with the effect that the core of the right is eviscerated is unconstitutional," Hardiman wrote ([www.courthousenews.com](http://www.courthousenews.com)).

On President-Elect Trump's website, it gives a little biography of Thomas Hardiman saying "Thomas Hardiman of Pennsylvania has been a judge of the

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# HOW TRUMP CAN MAKE THE 2ND AMENDMENT GREAT AGAIN

By Alan Gottlieb & Dave Workman

Pledging to protect the Second Amendment is what brought millions of beleaguered American firearms owners to the polls Nov. 8 to elect Donald J. Trump as the 45th President of the United States, and one thing Trump can do to assure them that he deserves their trust would be to instruct his attorney general early in 2017 to name a special assistant whose job would be to protect Second Amendment rights.

Over the years, the Department of Justice has taken action against various other civil and constitutional rights abuses. It is time for the DOJ to prosecute violations of the Second Amendment and federal laws including the Firearms Owners Protection Act. The next attorney general should take action against states and local governments that adopt laws designed specifically to infringe on the rights of honest firearms owners or discourage people from exercising their right to keep and bear arms for legitimate reasons, including self-defense.

For too many years, cities including Washington, D.C. and Chicago, and states including New Jersey, New York and Maryland have prosecuted firearms owners, including those in transit from other states, for actions that would be legal anywhere else in the nation. This must cease, and those states must be held accountable for their abuses.

Egregious laws have been adopted

also in California, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Illinois. Bans on certain commonly-owned firearms in all of these states began as simple licensing and/or registration requirements. Earlier this year, for example, anti-gun Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey unilaterally decided to expand the definition of "assault weapon" in the Bay State, essentially rendering tens of thousands of legally-owned firearms as contraband. Her claim that the state law on "assault weapons" has been misinterpreted for the past 18 years, and that she was merely correcting that problem is specious at best.

California is another example of a state where rights have been gradually eroded to the point where owning a firearm has become little more than a privilege. The state initially banned a limited number of firearms, and has gradually expanded that to cover a whole class of firearms, making previously legal firearms illegal. A deputy U.S. attorney general could bring the full force of the Justice Department against such demagoguery.

That all of this has been done under the guise of "gun safety" is an insult to the intelligence of gun owners. They see their rights have been infringed, and they deserve to have those rights protected and defended by the Justice Department rather than surrendered piecemeal to gun control extremism.

It should not simply be up to gun

rights organizations like the Second Amendment Foundation to challenge such laws while the Justice Department acts like a spectator.

It would also be the task of this special assistant AG to make sure the DOJ does not take anti-Second Amendment positions on any legal action. This individual would also serve as a liaison with gun rights organizations, working with them rather than against them to assure that the nation's laws are used to prosecute criminals rather than persecute law-abiding gun owners.

This assistant AG could work with members of Congress and gun rights organizations to restore funding for the long-neglected rights restoration investigations that once were conducted by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

President-elect Trump pledged to fill the Supreme Court vacancy created by the untimely death of Justice Antonin Scalia with someone who shared his view that the Second Amendment protects an individual civil right not contingent with service in some militia. At some point, the high court must address the right to bear arms, sending a message to state governments that a right so encumbered by Draconian restrictions that its exercise is impossible is not a right at all, but a prohibitively-regulated privilege.

Donald Trump has been given an opportunity to right so many of the wrongs that have been committed against millions of citizens whose only crime has been a wish to exercise their constitutionally-delineated civil rights. They helped to make him president and it is time for the government to treat them as the first class citizens they are and have always been.

It is time to make the Second Amendment to be great again.



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# SAF CONGRATULATES GUN OWNERS WHO MADE VICTORY POSSIBLE

In a joint statement, the Second Amendment Foundation and Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms congratulated the nation's gun owners for making possible Tuesday's victory that will send Donald J. Trump to the White House in 2017.

SAF and CCRKBA also offer their sincere congratulations to President-elect Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence for their historic and stunning victory, and especially for Mr. Trump's gracious call for unity among all Americans.

"What happened election night

was a reaffirmation that Americans can make the system work, and that this nation's gun owners are a cornerstone of that system," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "It cannot be ignored that this nation's tens of millions of honest firearms owners turned out to protect their constitutional rights. From the outset, Mr. Trump made it clear that the Second Amendment will be safe on his watch.

"While America's hard-working gun owners can celebrate the victory they helped make possible,"

added Gottlieb, who also chairs the CCRKBA, "we must remain mindful that the gun prohibition lobby, which is largely funded by elitist billionaires like Michael Bloomberg, will almost certainly double down on their efforts to erode our Second Amendment rights at the state level, whenever and wherever they can.

"Every gun owner owes a huge 'Thank You' to our good friends at the National Rifle Association for their efforts and expenditures to educate and guide voters," Gottlieb noted.

## NEW GALLUP POLL SHOWS DECLINING SUPPORT FOR GUN BAN

A new Gallup poll that shows dramatically declining support for a ban on so-called "assault weapons" is proof that more Americans are waking up to the fact that gun bans and restrictive control in general are not the solutions to violent crime, the Second Amendment Foundation said.

"While extremist anti-gunners in Washington, D.C. push their agenda of public disarmament, this new poll shows that support for the right to keep and bear arms stretches across party lines all over the country," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb.

"Some people may think gun control is an issue that will carry them into the White House, but out here where common sense

prevails, the idea of banning guns only puts people in the dog house."

According to Gallup, only 36 percent of the people support a ban on "assault weapons," where 44 percent backed the idea in 2012 and 57 percent liked the idea back in 1996. Gottlieb said the past 20 years have allowed Second Amendment organizations to educate the public, and many political leaders, about the false promise of restrictive gun control and outright bans.

"Taking perfectly legal firearms away from law-abiding citizens does nothing to discourage criminals from committing crimes with guns they obtain illegally," Gottlieb explained. "Demonizing honest citizens who have harmed nobody by blaming their guns for crimes they didn't commit does

not pass the smell test, and the new Gallup results show that an increasing number of Americans have wised up to that."

Gottlieb was disappointed, though not surprised, that more Democrats than Republicans still favor a ban. But he is encouraged because the poll results suggest that efforts by gun rights organizations to educate the public about Second Amendment issues and the futility of gun bans are working.

"The more people understand that banning guns for law-abiding citizens will not prevent criminals from breaking the law, the less time we will waste on fighting over gun rights and the more time we can spend on finding sensible solutions to lowering the violent crime rates," Gottlieb concluded.

The list that follows describes just some of the lawsuits that YOUR Second Amendment Foundation is currently and has been involved in. We've spent a lot of money in court fighting to protect and expand YOUR rights. EACH lawsuit has a price-tag as high as hundreds of thousands of dollars!

- **SAF Sues Over Censorship of 3D Firearm Printing Information.** . . . SAF and Defense Distributed filed a lawsuit against Secretary of State John Kerry, the Department of State and other U.S. officials to stop the unconstitutional censorship of information related to 3D printing of firearms asserting the regulations violate free speech, the right to keep and bear arms and due process as guaranteed by the First, Second and Fifth Amendments. Case is on appeal.

- **SAF Sues and Wins Against District of Columbia's Concealed Carry Permit Process.** . . . SAF filed a lawsuit on behalf of two D.C. and one Florida resident seeking to overturn the city's "good reason" clause for citizens wishing to exercise their right. The court rules there is a constitutional right to carry. D.C. appeals. Case is on appeal.

- **SAF Files Federal Lawsuit against Oklahoma DHS Over Firearms Prohibition.** . . . SAF filed a federal lawsuit against the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) on behalf of two state residents whose civil rights have been deprived under color of law because agency rules prohibit them from acting as foster parents while legally possessing functional firearms for personal protection.

- **SAF, NSSF, and NRA File a Lawsuit Over Seattle Gun Tax . . .** Second Amendment Foundation, National Shooting Sports Foundation and National Rifle Association in an historic collaboration file suit in King County Superior Court over the adoption by the City of Seattle of a punitive tax on firearms and ammunition in violation of Washington State preemption laws. Case is on appeal.

- **SAF and CGF File a Lawsuit Seeking Return of Legally Owned Firearms . . .** Second Amendment Foundation and Calgun Foundation file suit in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on behalf of a Santa Clara County resident, challenging the city, its police department and one of its officers over the seizure of firearms under the state's Welfare and Institutions code.

- **SAF Spearheads Federal Lawsuit Against I-594.** . . . SAF files a lawsuit in federal district court seeking a permanent injunction against enforcement of portions of Initiative 594, alleging that "portions of I-594... are so vague that a person of ordinary intelligence cannot understand their scope," and that other parts violate the Second Amendment outright. SAF appeals standing ruling.

- **SAF Sues and Wins Against District of Columbia's Ban on the Carrying of Handguns.** . . . SAF filed a lawsuit on behalf of three D.C. and one New Hampshire residents to compel the city to issue carry permits to law-abiding citizens. The U.S. District Court orders D.C. to allow the carry of firearms for self-defense.

# LEGAL CASES

• **SAF Sues on Behalf of California Gun Dealers...** Second Amendment Foundation has joined the Calguns Foundation and CA Association of Federal Firearms Licensees in support of a lawsuit filed by four California gun dealers alleging a violation of their First Amendment rights to advertise firearms. On appeal.

• **SAF Sues Illinois Over Restrictive CCW Residency Requirements...** SAF filed a lawsuit in federal district court in Illinois, challenging that state's concealed carry statute that restricts otherwise qualified nonresidents the rights and privileges of carrying concealed firearms based solely on their state of residence.

• **SAF Funds and Wins Lawsuit Challenging Federal Law on Handgun Purchases...** SAF's sister organization, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the federal law prohibiting cross-state handgun purchases. The government is appealing.

• **SAF Sues California and Wins Overturning Waiting Period Statute...** SAF, Calguns Foundation, et al. filed a federal lawsuit against the CA DOJ challenging the state's requirement that gun owners wait at least ten days before taking possession of an additional firearm. State of California is appealing the ruling.

• **SAF Sues and Wins Gun Rights Restoration...** A federal judge rules in a small but significant victory that a man convicted of a misdemeanor crime several years ago may not lose his Second Amendment rights under a federal gun control statute known as 922 (g) (1). Government is appealing.

• **SAF Sues and Wins Ruling That Allows Gun Rights Restoration for Certain Misdemeanors...** the judge has ruled that a man convicted of a serious misdemeanor crime, but who has demonstrated that now he "would present no more threat to the community" than an average law-abiding citizen, may not lose his Second Amendment rights under a federal gun control statute known as 922 (g) (1). Government is appealing.

• **SAF Backs Lawsuit over Handgun Ban in Northern Marianas...** The Second Amendment Foundation joined in supporting a lawsuit that challenges the ban on the importation of handguns and ammunition and the possession and use of handguns in the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands.

• **SAF Sues for Restoration of Rights...** SAF sues on behalf of plaintiff with non-violent felony who has had all rights restored, including right to possess and receive firearms and works for the State of Virginia as a security officer. Plaintiff is a resident of Maryland, and can neither possess nor carry a firearm there.

• **The Second Amendment Foundation Supports NJ Carry Appeal...** SAF is financially backing a legal challenge to New Jersey carry laws requirement that the applicant show "substantial threat." The case is in the State Superior Court's Appellate Division.

• **SAF Challenges California Handgun Ban Scheme.** . . . SAF and Calguns Foundation filed a lawsuit challenging a regulation

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that bans handguns based on a roster of “acceptable” handguns approved by the State of California. Case has been amended to include new microstamping requirement. Glock files amicus brief in support. Smith & Wesson, Ruger and NSSF file declarations in support of SAF’s lawsuit. Case is on appeal.

• **SAF Challenges Arbitrary Handgun Sales Regulations in Massachusetts**...SAF and Comm2A filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction against the State Attorney General’s illegal enforcement of consumer protection regulations that

prevent the commercial sale of common semiautomatic handguns. This case is on appeal.

• **SAF Sues Chicago and Wins over Gun Range Prohibition on 1A, 2A Grounds** . .

.SAF and ISRA filed a lawsuit against the City of Chicago’s gun ordinance, asserting that “the city is depriving citizens of their right to keep and bear arms in violation of the First and Second Amendments. The Appellate Court ordered Chicago to end this ban. Another decision from the Seventh Circuit Appellate Court is imminent.

## SAF ENCOURAGES TRUMP TO ‘MAKE THE SECOND AMENDMENT GREAT AGAIN’

The Second Amendment Foundation and Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said they will encourage President-elect Donald J. Trump to instruct his attorney general early in 2017 to name a special assistant whose job would be to protect Second Amendment rights.

“In the past,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb, “the Department of Justice has taken action against various other civil and constitutional rights abuses. It is time for the DOJ to prosecute violations of the Second Amendment and federal laws including the Firearms Owners Protection Act, by state and local governments. State and

local governments that adopt laws designed specifically to infringe on the rights of honest firearms owners or discourage people from exercising their right to keep and bear arms for legitimate reasons, including self-defense should be held accountable.”

Gottlieb pointed to laws in New Jersey, Maryland, New York, California and even Washington, D.C. that require “good cause” to obtain concealed carry permits, or make obtaining a permit prohibitively expensive for average wage earners. He also said apparent violations of the Firearm Owners Protection Act must be investigated.

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take anti-Second Amendment positions on any legal action,” Gottlieb added. “This individual would also serve as a liaison with gun rights organizations, working with them rather than against them to assure that the nation’s laws are used to prosecute criminals rather than persecute law-abiding gun owners.

“Donald Trump has been given an opportunity to right so many of the wrongs that have been committed against millions of citizens whose only crime has been a wish to exercise their constitutionally-delineated civil rights,” he said. “He campaigned on a pledge to make America great again. One part of that effort would be to make the Second Amendment great again.”

# NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION TO PRESERVE OUR RIGHTS

Strike while the iron is hot:

If you are a gun owner or just understand the importance of the second amendment then I am sure you are happy with the outcome of this election. I don't just mean Donald Trump, with republicans clinching the majority of the senate and congress there is a projected shift in the amount of legislation pushed through. When you combine that with a republican presidential cabinet you have yourself a great four years for the right.

Of course, let's not forget about the Supreme Court seat up for an appointment or the potential three others that might follow in the next four to eight years. Which is discussed more in-depth in another article entitled "Gun Rights Win Election 2016". Yes, it is true that if you're a gun owner the next four years are your time to shine and you deserve to celebrate. But this article is not just a pat on the back, let's all celebrate that we won kind of piece. This article is about pushing harder than ever to make a real change in this country.

From the beginning of this presidential race, we knew that the country was divided on a number of issues, guns being one of the big ones. We have seen many in politics and in the

media try and limit our constitutional rights. Now I know that I don't need to remind you of how close we came in this election to having Hilary Clinton as president. To put it lightly her views on gun control do not exactly match up with our views of the Second Amendment Foundation. There potentially would have been ripple effects that would have been felt for generations of gun owners.

We have been given an opportunity to make real and long-lasting change to help repair the damage that has been done to our constitutional rights and our natural born right of self-preservation. This last election just opened the doors and we need to lay the groundwork for the future. The Second Amendment Foundation is going to be pushing hard and pursuing cases that we make into the president for decades to come. We can't do this alone, though. We need your help to use this rare time in history to fight for our freedoms and protect the constitution.

A few things that are free that anybody can do is to spread awareness to those around you. Let people know what we are doing and that now we have more of an opportunity than ever to make real

change. The gun range, clubs, online community, family, and friends are just a few places to talk about the work we are doing and what can be accomplished. You can also get involved and volunteer at any number of local pro-gun rights conventions like our Gun Rights Policy Conference that we hold every year or your local organization.

Of course, if you want to take this a step further you can become a member or donate to help us fight for your gun rights. Whatever form of contribution you choose to make, know that it is needed. There is no way that we can keep fighting at this level without you. We all need to come together and see this through until the end. Now is just the beginning of the fight. I know that I am preaching to the choir on this one. Many of you are already members and have done a lot to help our organization and I would like to say thank you for that. But there is still so much left to do and we can make a real difference by coming together now more than ever. So if you have been on the fence about what you want to do then I urge you to try and answer that question quickly. As the old saying goes "Strike while the iron is hot".

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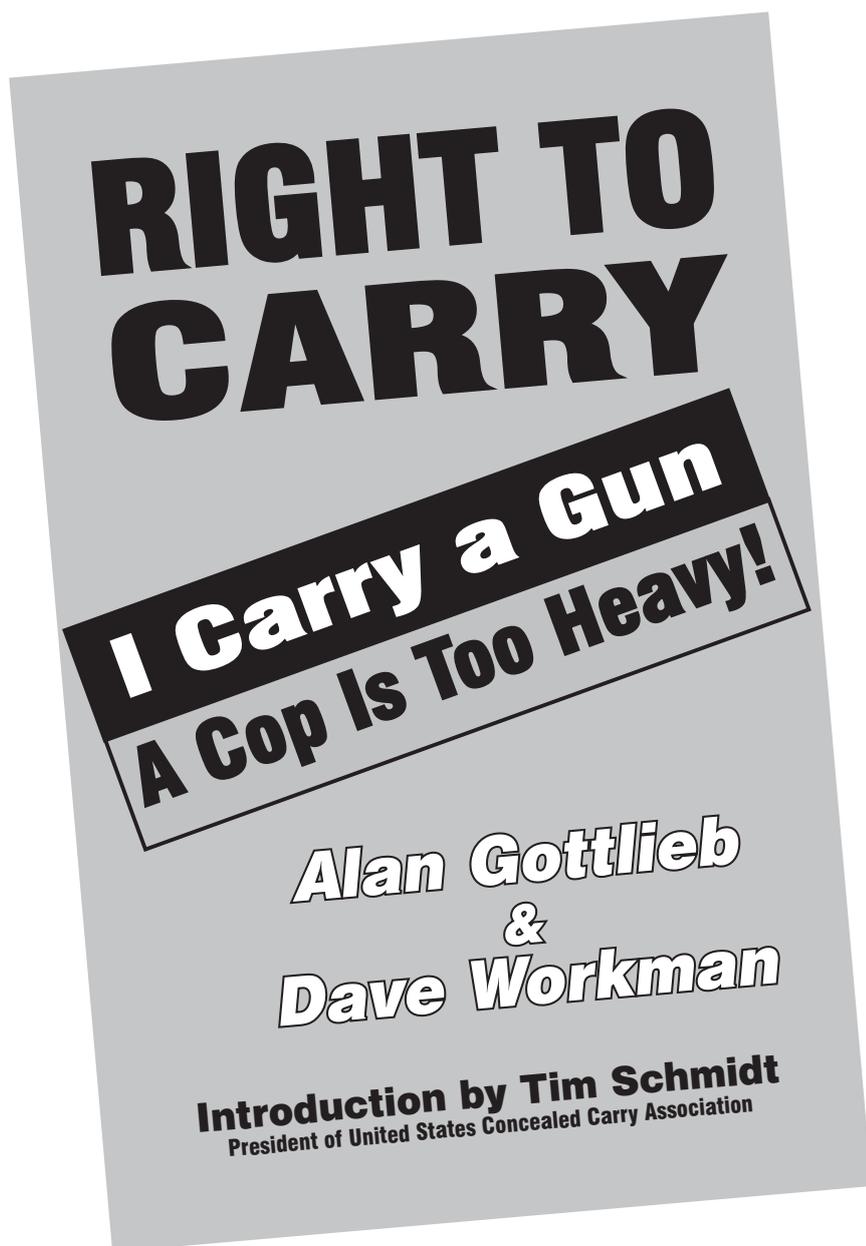
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit since 2007. Prior to serving as a circuit judge, he served as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania since 2003. Before his judicial service,

Judge Hardiman worked in private practice in Washington, D.C. and Pittsburgh. Judge Hardiman was the first in his family to attend college, graduating from Notre Dame."

No matter who Trump nominates it will be a change for decades to come and impact this nation to its core. We can only hope that the best candidate is nominated and confirmed.

# Don't miss the new book: "Right To Carry"

by Alan Gottlieb  
&  
Dave Workman



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