



LAW STUDENT RESEARCH AND WRITING COMPETITION

Question #1

Background:

On June 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court rendered its long-awaited opinion in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022), soundly rejecting First Amendment-style balancing tests such as the Intermediate Scrutiny Test adopted by many Circuits and many state courts and adopted an entirely new test for analyzing Second Amendment cases. Many states enjoy constitutional provisions protecting the right to keep and bear arms, termed “Second Amendment analogues”. Some of those provisions are nearly identical to the Second Amendment while others are very different in their wording and scope.

While *Bruen* answered many questions necessary for Second Amendment jurisprudence, *Bruen* also left many questions unanswered. Your assignment is to address one of those unanswered questions.

Question Presented:

Whether the new *Bruen* test must be utilized and applied by state courts when analyzing state law challenges to state constitutional Second Amendment analogues.

Instructions:

Your task is to write and submit a unique, original scholarly article suitable for publication in a scholarly journal. Submissions must not exceed 12,000 words, including both text and notes. Citations shall conform to *THE BLUE BOOK: A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF CITATION*. Your submission is to be typed double spaced, in Times New Roman 14-point typeface, including notes. You may choose to use footnotes or endnotes.

Your completed submission must be received electronically as a PDF by the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund at nracrdf_lawschoolcontest@nrahq.org on or before March 1, 2024.