

2027 NRA CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE FUND LAW STUDENT SECOND AMENDMENT RESEARCH AND WRITING COMPETITION

- WHO:** Any law student currently enrolled in an ABA accredited law school.
- WHAT:** Research and write a scholarly article, suitable for publication, regarding a cutting edge Second Amendment issue.
- WHEN:** Articles must be submitted on or before March 1, 2027
- AWARD:** \$10,000 – First Place, \$7,000 – Second Place, \$3,000 Third Place
- HOW:**
1. Follow the instructions below.
 2. Fill out and submit the required information below.
 3. Upload your article below.
 4. Certify your information and submission below.

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*, 597 U.S. 1 (2022), soundly rejecting balancing tests - such as the Intermediate Scrutiny Test adopted by many circuits and state courts - and adopted an entirely new test for analyzing Second Amendment cases.

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.

Instructions:

Your task is to write and submit a unique and original written 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*. Submissions must be double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point typeface, including notes. You may choose to use footnotes or endnotes. In order to allow anonymous review and grading, **DO NOT INCLUDE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION—SUCH AS YOUR NAME—ON THE SUBMITTED ARTICLE.**

Your completed submission must be received by the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund no later than March 1, 2027. Your article must be submitted, in both PDF and Word format, by uploading your article to this website below.

You must also enter the following information below, certify, and submit:

Name: _____ Email: _____
Name of Law School: _____
Expected Month and Year of Graduation: _____
Your Home Address: _____

Your Address at Law School: _____

Telephone: _____(Primary) _____(Secondary)
The Title of Your Article: _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached submission is an original academic work uniquely my own and not the work of any other person, organization or institution. I understand, stipulate, and agree that by submitting the attached article I am agreeing to have my article published by the sponsoring organization—the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund—should it choose to do so, that my work becomes the property of the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund upon submission, and that the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund may assign its rights to my work to another organization for publication without my further permission.

Date: _____ Signature: _____