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Keynote Address

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Patrick Charles is a Legal Analyst for the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI) in Washington, DC. Prior to joining the IRLI, he was the Associate Director of the Chastek Library and an Assistant Professor at Gonzaga University School of Law. Mr. Charles is the author of The Second Amendment: The Intent and Its Interpretation by the States and the Supreme Court which examines the contentions of individual right theorists and collective right theorists and concludes that the Second Amendment is meant only to protect the right of an individual to keep and bear arms for the purpose of defending the country. Mr. Charles has also authored numerous publications on the Second Amendment and gun regulation including The Right of Self-Preservation and Resistance: A True Legal and Historical Understanding of the Anglo-American Right to Arms, 2010 Cardozo L. Rev. De Novo 18. Mr. Charles received a Bachelor's degree from Loyola University of New Orleans, a Masters in Library Science from the University of Washington and a J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law.



WHOSE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS? WHAT HELLER CHANGED

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

David Konig is a Professor of History and Law at the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. Professor Konig has authored numerous publications including: Why the Second Amendment Has a Preamble: Original Public Meaning and the Political Culture of Revolutionary America, 56 UCLA L. Rev. 1295 (2009); Brief of Amici Curiae ... In Support of Petitioners, on Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States. District of Columbia. et al., Petitioners v. Dick Anthony Heller. Respondent. (No. 07-290) (co-author): Thomas Jefferson's Armed Citizenry and the Republican Militia, 1 Alb. Gov't L. Rev. 250 (2008); Arms and the Man: What Did the Right to "Keep" Arms Mean in the Early Republic? 25 Law & Hist, Rev. 177 (2007): The Second Amendment: A Missing Transatlantic Context for the Historical Meaning of "the right of the people to keep and bear arms", 22 Law & Hist, Rev. 119 (2004): The Persistence of Resistance: Civic Rights, Natural Rights, and Property Rights in the Historical Debate Over the "right of the people to keep and bear arms", 73 Fordham L. Rev. 539 (2004). Professor Konig received his Bachelors magna cum laude with Highest Honors from New York University and his Masters and Ph.D. in History from Harvard University.

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Darrell Miller is a Professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Before beginning his teaching career, Professor Miller spent five years in the litigation department of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. Professor Miller's research focuses on civil rights, constitutional law and civil procedure. He has published numerous articles, including: Guns as Smut: Defending the Home-Bound Second Amendment, 109 Colum. L. Rev. 1278 (2009); White Cartels, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the History of Jones v. Alfred H. Mayer Co., 77 Fordham L. Rev. 999 (2008); and State DOMAs, Neutral Principles and the Mobius of State Action, 81 Temple L. Rev. 967 (2008). He is currently working on an article exploring the intersection between the common law right to resist arrest and the Second Amendment. Professor Miller is a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and a former British Marshall Scholar. He also holds degrees from Oxford University and Anderson University.

LAW & ORDER: FIREARM REGULATION IN PRACTICE

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Josh Horwitz is the Executive Director of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, an organization which seeks to secure freedom from gun violence through research, strategic engagement and effective policy advocacy. Mr. Horwitz is also a visiting scholar at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He has spent nearly two decades working on gun violence prevention issues. Mr. Horwitz is the co-author of Guns, Democracy and the Insurrectionist Idea, which demonstrates how reasonable gun control is essential to the survival of democracy and ordered liberty and challenges the proposition that more guns equal more freedom. Mr. Horwitz is a graduate of the University of Michigan and received his law degree from George Washington University School of Law.

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