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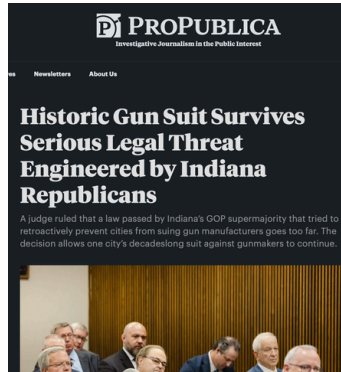
August 31

GAGV continues to engage in discovery in Mexico's landmark lawsuit against gun dealers in Arizona. The lawsuit is the first brought by a sovereign nation against gun dealers, and is part of GAGV's legal strategy to stop gun trafficking to Mexico at its gun industry source.



August 12

Indiana judge rules that state law intended to dismiss the City of Gary's decades-long lawsuit against gun manufacturers is unconstitutional, allowing case to proceed. GAGV is co-counsel with Brady, Perkins Coie, and other counsel in the case.



July 2

GAGV files first amicus brief in U.S. Supreme Court that argues that U.S. gun policy causes harm to other nations, and those international effects should be considered. The brief, in *Garland v. Vanderstok*, argued that ATF has the statutory authority to regulate ghost guns, and that excluding ghost guns from the firearms that the ATF can regulate will have immense negative consequences in the U.S. and abroad and will harm the U.S.'s global standing.

June 24

In response to the U.S. Supreme Court upholding the ban on domestic abusers from possessing firearms, GAGV repeated its call to overturn the Bruen decision, saying, "The Second Amendment madness must end."

April 12

The Wall Street Journal highlights Mexico's lawsuits against the gun industry and quotes Jon Lowy in an article, "Legal Shield for the Gun Industry Is Starting to Crack".

Legal Shield for the Gun Industry Is Starting to Crack

Gun-control advocates try to find ways to get around a federal immunity law that protects firearms companies

By Jacob Gershtman

April 12, 2024 at 5:00 am ET

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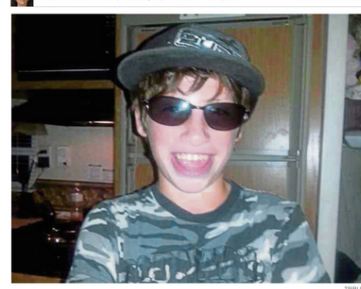


April 9

GAGV argues on behalf of the plaintiffs in *Gustafson v. Springfield Armory* before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The lawsuit is the first in which an appeals court has ruled that PLCAA, the gun industry shield law, is unconstitutional.

Pa. Supreme Court hears debate on gun-industry immunity in lawsuit over Mt. Pleasant boy's death

PHILADELPHIA — | Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:58 p.m.



March 25

In a groundbreaking legal victory, a federal trial court in Arizona rules that the Government of Mexico can proceed in its landmark lawsuit against five gun dealers in that state. GAGV is co-counsel for Mexico.

Mexico's lawsuit against Arizona gun dealers can proceed, US judge rules

By Nate Rapoport

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March 22

Jon Lowy delivers the keynote address at the George Washington International Law Review Symposium, "A World Under Fire: Examining the Global Impact of Gun Trafficking and Violence," at the GW Law School.



February 22

GAGV argues on behalf of Mexico against dismissal of *Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Diamondback Shooting Sports, Inc., et al.*, in Arizona federal court. This is the first hearing in the first lawsuit by a sovereign nation against gun dealers.

February 8

Newsweek publishes GAGV's op-ed, "Mexico May Save Us From Our Own Crazy Gun Laws."



January 22

In a monumental victory, GAGV's appeal on behalf of Mexico in *Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson Brands Inc., et al.*, prevails, when the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit allows Mexico to move forward with its lawsuit against gun manufacturers. This landmark decision is the most important one so far in gun litigation.

The decision resulted in massive media coverage, including the New York Times, CNN, NPR, Forbes, the Boston Globe, a New Yorker profile, and many more – in the U.S. and abroad.



2023

December 31

GAGV submits a report to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the "impact of arms transfers, including the diversion of arms and unregulated or illicit arms transfers, on the enjoyment of human rights, with a focus on the role of access to information in preventing, mitigating and responding to the negative global rights impact thereof."



UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

November 28

GAGV and the Civil and Human Rights Clinic at George Washington University Law School testify before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on gun industry practices and weak U.S. gun laws that contribute to violence and human rights violations in the Americas.



November 9

GAGV files the Lawsuit for Survival against the United States in the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Filed on behalf of Manny and Patricia Oliver and their son Joaquin, who died in the 2018 Parkland, FL, school massacre, the suit claims that the U.S. failed to protect people's right to live free from gun violence and asks the IACHR to pressure the U.S. to strengthen its gun laws.

As part of the Lawsuit for Survival, GAGV also

- Started an online petition to the IACHR in support of the lawsuit;
- Co-wrote, with Manny Oliver, an op-ed about the lawsuit that appeared in the Boston Globe;
- Created a full-page ad about the lawsuit that ran twice in the Washington Post
- Worked with a creative agency to create 90-, 30-, and 15-second videos about the lawsuit plus a one-minute explainer.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR FIRST YEAR

2023

August 30

GAGV files a [brief](#) in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in *Gustafson v. Springfield Armory*, which reviews the first appellate decision to find the U.S. gun industry protection law (PLCAA) unconstitutional. GAGV is lead counsel.

August 21

GAGV files the first [amicus brief](#) by a major gun violence prevention group in the U.S. Supreme Court to argue that its pro-gun rights decisions in *Heller* and *Bruen* should be reversed.

August 21

GAGV files a [brief](#) in the [Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#) in support of Mexico's [request](#) for an opinion on human rights implications of gun industry practices.



July 24

GAGV [argues](#) Mexico's appeal of *Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson Brands Inc., et al.* in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit.



July 10

GAGV, Mexico and GTOC host a [side event](#) in Geneva, Switzerland, on gun industry practices as a human rights concern at the [53rd session](#) of the U.N. Human Rights Council.



June 28

The Hill publishes GAGV's op-ed, "[Hey, SCOTUS — the right to life trumps the right to own a gun.](#)"



May 31

GAGV [testifies](#) at a [special meeting](#) of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States on human rights and the role of arms companies.



May 9

Newsweek publishes GAGV's op-ed, "[Awash in U.S. Guns and Gun Violence, Caribbean Leaders Are Fighting Back.](#)"

May 5

GAGV participates in a [Constructive Dialogue on Firearms](#) held by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna, Austria.

April 17

GAGV [participates](#) in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) regional symposium on "[Violence as a Public Health Issue - The Crime Challenge](#)" in Trinidad and Tobago.



April 13

The Washington Post publishes GAGV's op-ed, "[How to stop the Mexican cartels? Stop supplying them with guns.](#)"



March 15

GAGV launches its periodic newsletter, [The Call to Global Action](#).



February 19-25

GAGV participates in international delegations in Mexico investigating arms trafficking from the U.S., with a [briefing](#) with officials and a [Peace Summit](#).



February 2

GAGV [files a report](#) with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on human rights and the regulation of civilian firearms.



2022

December 20

The Miami Herald publishes GAGV's first op-ed, "[U.S. failure to reign in guns, manufacturers fueling an international crisis.](#)"



November 2-4

GAGV [speaks](#) at the first international conference on gun trafficking: "[The Business of Lethality: Arms Trafficking to Mexico.](#)" in Mexico City. Read [more](#) about it.

October 10

GAGV files the [first RICO lawsuit](#) ever against gun companies and first lawsuit by a sovereign nation against gun dealers in federal court in Arizona.

August 31

GAGV founder and president Jonathan Lowy files Articles of Incorporation for Global Action on Gun Violence

