

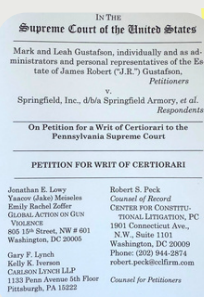
This year, we continued our work with the international community to reform gun industry practices through impact litigation, human rights proceedings, and policy advocacy. As we look ahead, we're more committed than ever to advancing global action on gun violence.

Here's a look back at our third year in action and our past work:

2025

JULY 29

GAGV asks the U.S. Supreme Court to hold the gun industry protection law, PLCAA, unconstitutional. GAGV filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari in *Gustafson v. Springfield Armory*, in which the Superior Court of Pennsylvania held that PLCAA was unconstitutional, on Commerce Clause and Tenth Amendment grounds, and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania reversed.



JULY 3

GAGV partners with cosmetics company Lush and Change the Ref on a Lawsuit for Survival campaign. From July 3 to July 14, all 200+ Lush shops across the United States are promoting GAGV's Lawsuit for Survival, urging customers to sign a petition in support of the groundbreaking human rights lawsuit and advocate for the right to live free from gun violence. As part of the campaign, Lush is selling sunflower bath bombs in honor of Joaquin Oliver, in whose name the Lawsuit for Survival was filed. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the bath bombs go to GAGV.



JUNE 23

The Ontario (Canada) Court of Appeal grants class-action status to plaintiffs in a Canadian lawsuit against a U.S. gun manufacturer, reversing a trial court denial of a class action. *Price v. Smith & Wesson* was brought by victims of a 2018 mass shooting in Toronto against Smith & Wesson. GAGV is foreign legal counsel for the plaintiffs. The decision allows the lawsuit to move forward.

JUNE 11

GAGV holds a webinar with U.S. Rep. Dan Goldman on international gun trafficking.

JUNE 5

The U.S. Supreme Court hands down its first decision ever on gun industry liability, ruling that PLCAA, the gun industry shield law, immunizes the gun industry from liability in *Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson*. However, the decision is narrow, and leaves the door open for future liability. GAGV is co-counsel for Mexico.



MARCH 15

Rolling Stone publishes, "There's No Second Amendment Right to Sell Guns to the Cartels," an extensive interview with Jon Lowy about U.S. gun trafficking to Mexico and Mexico's lawsuit against gun manufacturers.

MARCH 7

GAGV participates in a panel on gun rights at the Cardozo Journal of Equal Rights & Social Justice symposium in New York, New York.



MARCH 4

The U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments in *Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson*, the first gun industry liability case to be heard by the Court.

FEBRUARY 19

GAGV's Jon Lowy speaks as a panelist at the Duke Global Health Initiative event, "From Marlboro to Meta: Combatting the Health Impacts of Market-Driven Epidemics."

FEBRUARY 6

GAGV holds a sold-out fundraiser at the Woolly Mammoth Theatre in Washington, D.C. at a performance of Manny Oliver's one-man show, Guac, about his son Joaquin, who was killed in the 2018 Parkland, Florida, high school massacre.

JANUARY 30

GAGV wins a major victory on behalf of Mexico in its lawsuit against five gun dealers in Arizona. In the first federal court ruling of its kind, the district court judge orders the defendants to produce significant records in the case, rejecting the gun dealers' arguments that a 2003 Congressional appropriations rider called the Tiahrt Amendment prohibits such information from being disclosed.



JANUARY 16

GAGV's Jon Lowy speaks as a panelist in the discussion, "U.S. Border: Understanding the Guns and Immigration Link in 2025," sponsored by the Forum on Arms Trade.

JANUARY 10

GAGV files Mexico's brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in *Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson*, the first gun industry liability case to be considered by the Court.

2024

DECEMBER 22

GAGV's Jon Lowy and Mexico's lawsuits against the gun industry are the stars of a 60 Minutes segment, "[The Iron River: Mexico's legal battle against the U.S. gun industry.](#)" The segment is watched by an estimated 8.74 million, more than any other media segment on the gun industry's role in contributing to gun violence.



NOVEMBER 15

GAGV's Jon Lowy testifies before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on the impact of gun violence on human rights in the United States. Testimony led off with a screening of the Lawsuit for Survival video.

OCTOBER 4

The United States Supreme Court announces that it will review an appeals court decision that allowed Mexico's lawsuit against U.S. gun manufacturers to proceed. This will be the first time the Supreme Court has ever considered any issue concerning gun company liability.

OCTOBER 1

GAGV's Jon Lowy speaks to law students and faculty about the global approach to gun violence at Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, Tennessee.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SECOND YEAR

AUGUST 31

GAGV continues to engage in discovery in Mexico's landmark lawsuit against five 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 3

GAGV, as co-counsel for Mexico, files a brief in U.S. Supreme Court in opposition to several gun manufacturers' petition for review of GAGV's monumental victory in Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson Brands Inc., et al., the first lawsuit ever brought by a sovereign nation against members of the gun industry. The Court is reviewing the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit's unanimous ruling that Mexico's lawsuit was not barred by the U.S. federal gun industry protection law, PLCAA, reversing the trial court's dismissal.

JULY 2

GAGV files the 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. The Court later agrees that ATF's ghost gun regulation should be upheld.

JUNE 24

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

JUNE 4



GAGV registers as a foreign agent for the Government of the Bahamas to assist on measures to prevent gun trafficking and gun violence.

MAY 8

GAGV Founder Jon Lowy speaks on a panel discussion on philanthropy and gun violence prevention at the Milken Institute 2024 Global Conference in Los Angeles, California.

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](#)" (paywall).

APRIL 9

GAGV argues on behalf of the plaintiffs in Gustafson v. Springfield Armory before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The court reviews the first appeals court ruling that PLCAA, the gun industry shield law, is unconstitutional.

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.

MARCH 22

GAGV's 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 George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.



MARCH 8

GAGV discusses the *Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson, et al.*, appellate court decision at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health annual conference in Los Angeles.

MARCH 5

U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD) opens a GAGV briefing on the *Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson, et al.*, decision.



FEBRUARY 29

GAGV participates in an international webinar on the Smith & Wesson decision. The event is organized by the Forum on the Arms Trade and the Asser Institute for International and European Law.

FEBRUARY 28

In Mexico City, GAGV meets with representatives of the two leading candidates for President of Mexico in Mexico City, Mexico to encourage them to keep the pressure on the U.S. gun industry if elected.

FEBRUARY 28

GAGV speaks at the Hope & Heal Fund's historic first annual Latino Leadership Convening on Gun Violence in Los Angeles, California.

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 in Tuscon. 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."

JAN 31-FEB 2

GAGV participates in a Wilton Park conference with members of the arms industry and peace advocates in the United Kingdom on the role of industry in the Arms Trade Treaty.

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 results in massive media coverage, including the New York Times, CNN, NPR, Forbes, the Boston Globe, a New Yorker profile (paywall), 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 human rights impact thereof."



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 in Costa Rica 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 gunfire and asks the IACHR to pressure the U.S. to strengthen its gun laws.

As part of the Lawsuit for Survival, GAGV also

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



HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR FIRST YEAR

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 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.



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 decisions in Heller and Bruen should be reversed.

AUGUST 7

GAGV files an amicus brief in support of activist John Lindsay Poland's lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for their refusal to release data on U.S. guns recovered in Mexico and Central America.

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 First Circuit in Boston, Massachusetts.

JULY 10

GAGV, Mexico, and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime 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.

JULY 6



GAGV participates in a webinar on "Taking the Profit out of Illicit Trafficking of Firearms in Latin America and the Caribbean," sponsored by the University of the West Indies' Institute of International Relations, the Caribbean Policy Consortium, and the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association.

JUNE 28

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

JUNE 20

The UN High Commission on Human Rights releases its report on "Human rights and the regulation of civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms," which draws on GAGV's input submitted in February. The report marks the first time that the UN addressed the gun industry's complicity in fueling violence around the world.

JUNE 12



GAGV receives its tax-exempt status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

MAY 31

GAGV testifies at a special meeting of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C. 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.



MAY 1

GAGV participates in a seminar on "Transnational Litigation and Corporate Accountability," sponsored by the University of Arizona and the government of Mexico.

APRIL 17

GAGV speaks at a conference sponsored by the Center for American Progress on “Guns Without Borders: Addressing the flow of U.S. firearms to Mexico and Central America” in Washington, D.C.



GAGV participates in the Caribbean Community regional symposium on “Violence as a Public Health Issue - The Crime Challenge” in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

APRIL 17

APRIL 13

The Washington Post publishes GAGV’s op-ed, “How to stop the Mexican cartels? Stop supplying them with guns.”

APRIL 5

GAGV speaks at the 23rd meeting of the consultative committee of CIFTA in Washington, D.C. CIFTA is an international firearms control treaty adopted by the Organization of American States in 1997.

MARCH 15

GAGV launches its periodic newsletter, The Call to Global Action.



MARCH 14

GAGV files an appeal brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Mexico’s lawsuit against gun manufacturers. Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson Brands Inc., et al.

FEB 19-25

GAGV participates in international delegations in Guerrero and Mexico City, 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

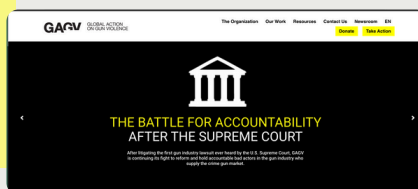
The Miami Herald publishes GAGV’s first op-ed, “U.S. failure to reign in guns, manufacturers fueling an international crisis.”

NOV 2-4

GAGV speaks at a conference on “The Business of Lethality: Arms Trafficking to Mexico,” in Mexico City, Mexico. Read more about it.

OCTOBER 26

GAGV announces its founding and debuts its website, www.actiononguns.org



OCTOBER 25

GAGV testifies at a public hearing on human rights and arms production and trade companies in the Americas at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C., as part of its 185th Session.

OCTOBER 17

GAGV and its new strategy is profiled extensively in national and international media, including Politico, Time (Oct. 25), and Courthouse News (Nov. 3).

OCTOBER 10

GAGV files Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Diamondback Shooting Sports, Inc., et al., the first RICO lawsuit ever against gun companies and first lawsuit by a sovereign nation against gun dealers in federal court in Arizona.

OCTOBER 5

GAGV files as registered foreign agent for the Government of Mexico, to assist in Mexico’s anti-gun trafficking efforts.

AUGUST 31

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

