



# Press Release

Peruta v San Diego

Connecticut's Ties to the Big Win in California

**Rocky Hill, CT, February 24, 2014:** Gun owners all over California, and throughout the nation, are rejoicing over the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals overturning the previous rulings in Peruta v San Diego in favor of the right to bear arms. Peruta v San Diego is a landmark case that follows and expands upon the 2008 DC v Heller decision.

In Heller, SCOTUS (the U.S. Supreme Court) ruled that owning a firearm is a fundamental and individual right. Later, in McDonald v. Chicago (2010), the court affirmed that this right applied to all citizens of all states, under the U.S. Constitution's 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Peruta v San Diego makes clear that this right also applies outside the home, contrary to what many anti-rights activists have opined.

The Peruta decision makes clear that states and municipalities cannot deny their citizens the right to bear arms any more than they can deny their citizens the right to possess arms. In San Diego, citizens were denied their right to bear arms through the 'good cause' requirement of their concealed carry licenses. The 'good cause' requirement is an arbitrary and capricious requirement that gave local governments, in practice, the ability to deny the right to bear arms to all citizens except those that were politically connected or financially influential.

The man behind the San Diego case, Mr. Edward Peruta, is Connecticut Carry's own Director Edward Peruta. Mr. Peruta has been a longtime advocate against government corruption, and a supporter of equal rights, particularly in the field of gun rights. Connecticut Carry (a 501(c)(4) non-profit devoted to defending and promoting the right to bear arms) was formed in large part around Ed's advocacy and wise guidance in the area of firearms laws. Now, the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit has handed down a landmark decision upholding the right to bear arms in Mr. Peruta's case, creating an affirmation that Mr. Peruta's fight has never been in vain.

As Mr. Peruta pointed out, the California case and his efforts here in Connecticut are closely related:

"It was my prior knowledge of firearms laws and issues that got me to file suit in California. My experience with Attorney Rachel M. Baird prepared me to take action against San Diego in 2009. The rest is history." – Edward Peruta

***Connecticut Carry is fortunate and proud to have such a visionary and influential individual on our leadership team.***

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