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Origin	Correspondence	Date	Rcvd	Status (All suggested dispositions subject to review by TW)	CCs (Informational copies)
IL	Lawrence G. Keane Senior Vice President & General Counsel National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Ltr -- troubled by ABA's teleconference and live audio webcast, <i>Gun Regulation and</i> <i>Litigation After Heller</i> ; resigns from the ABA effective immediately.	5/19	5/26	<i>Forwarded to Ira Pilchen for</i> <i>follow-up.</i>	
AL	William R. Gordon Montgomery, AL Ltr -- re David Rothman interest in interviewing TW during the week of June 7	5/22	5/28	<i>OP following up.</i>	
AL	Rosalind M. Mouser President, Arkansas Bar Association Ltr -- thanks for leadership and serving attorneys of this country	5/24	5/28	<i>NRN</i>	
email	Joseph Giannini (ABA Member) Subject: Access to Justice The Most Pressing Problem We Have	5/28	5/28	<i>Ira Pilchen will call Mr.</i> <i>Giannini.</i>	

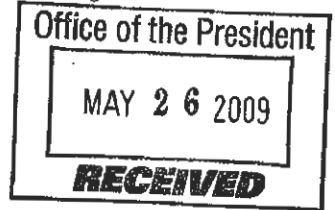


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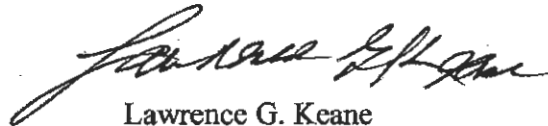
H. Thomas Wells
President
American Bar Association
321 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654-7598

Dear Mr. Wells:

As the General Counsel and Senior Vice President of the National Shooting Sports Foundation ("NSSF"), the firearms industry's trade association, and an American Bar Association ("ABA") member, I am deeply troubled by today's ABA teleconference and live audio webcast *Gun Regulation and Litigation After Heller*. I am shocked by the overwhelming gun control bias of this panel. Surely you could have an attorney that has litigated Second Amendment cases to participate in the panel to provide a countervailing view. This is not the first time, and sadly I am sure it will not be the last time, that the ABA's anti-gun, anti-Second Amendment bias has been so transparently on display. Nor is this the first time I have raised my concerns on this subject with the ABA.

I feel that I have no choice but to resign from the ABA effective immediately. The ABA should be ashamed of itself.

Sincerely,



Lawrence G. Keane

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CC: Tina Thomas, Program Administrator
John C. Cruden, Chair of Special Committee

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WILLIAM R. GORDON

RETIRED CIRCUIT JUDGE • ARBITRATOR AND MEDIATOR

May 22, 2009

H. Thomas Wells, Jr., Esquire
MAYNARD, COOPER & GALE, P.C.
1601 6th Avenue N., Suite 2400
Birmingham, AL 35203-2618

Dear Mister Wells:

You may be aware that I co-chaired the Alabama Judicial Campaign Conduct Committees in the 2006 and 2008 election cycles. Through that work, I have come to know David Rothman, PhD. David is the Principal Research Consultant for the National Center for State Courts. His focus is on the subject of judicial campaign conduct in general, and he has worked with judicial campaign conduct committees around the country as well as the National Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Judicial Campaign Conduct.

David will be in the state the week of June 7 conducting research to understand better the role of the conduct committees in recent judicial elections. He hopes to interview the leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties, the leaders of the plaintiff and defense bars, the leaders of the state bar, former judicial candidates, and others who are influential in judicial elections.

I know that you have a strong interest in a fair and impartial judiciary, and I suggested that David speak with you. I write to ask if you will meet with David for 45 minutes or an hour. He assures me that all conversations will be confidential.

If you can speak with David, please call or E-mail me the date and time. I believe you will find David an interesting person, and the time you give him will be well spent.

Thank you for considering this request.

Very truly yours,



William R. Gordon

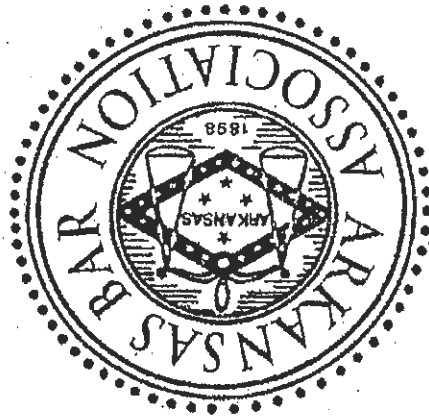
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May 24, 2009

Dear Mr. Weiler,

Two of the highlights of this year as President of the Arkansas Bar Association are ABA Day in Washington, D.C. and the National Summit on Government Character in Capitol. Thank you for your leadership at both events. The swearing-in ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court, with you as moderator, will be a life time memory. Thank



You're taking your time, talent and energy to
serve the attorneys of this country. We are a
better profession due to your service.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Mowen

President

Arkansas Bar Association

Mastronardi, Kay

From: ABA President
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 11:52 AM
To: Mastronardi, Kay
Subject: FW: Access to Justice The Most Pressing Problem We Have
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Kay, this guy called today so let's add this to the correspondence log for last week.

Thanks.

From: Joseph Giannini [mailto:J.GIANNINI@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2009 12:24 PM
To: ABA President
Subject: Access to Justice The Most Pressing Problem We Have

Dear President Wells:

Chief Justice Ronald M. George reported a roughly 35 percent rise in self-represented civil defendants statewide over the past year. See "As Foreclosures Rise, Pro Pers Clog the Courts" Daily Journal May 20, 2009, CJ George stated, "I think it's going to be the most severe problem the court system has in the next decade." Gary L. Barr, a partner with Encino's Alpert, Barr & Grant who presents banks and lenders all over California stated: "I can tell you as a lawyer, it makes our job more expensive." Ibid.

I would like to speak with you about lending your voice to this most severe problem the Court system has. Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph Robert Giannini 310 442 9386