

GUN LAW

Expert analysis of the most current firearm laws, cases, and regulations

- Local and National Gun Law Litigation
- Drafting Jury Instructions and Arguing Self-Defense
- Who Can and Can't Possess a Firearm after *U.S. v. Rahimi*
- How a Gun Trust Can Help Avoid an Accidental Felony

The most current law, the biggest issues, the best analysis!

COURSE INFORMATION

LIVE IN PERSON

Friday, September 12, 2025
Minnesota CLE Conference Center
600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 370
Third Floor City Center, Minneapolis

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Tuesday, September 30, 2025
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Navigating Gun Laws in 2025

**What You Need to Know
About Minnesota and Federal
Firearms Law to:**

- Comply with **New Laws, Cases, and ATF Regulations**
- **Transfer** Ownership of a Firearm
- **Protect** a Client's **Right to Possess a Firearm**
- Prosecute or Defend a Criminal Case involving **Self-Defense**
- And much more!

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

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Tuesday, September 30, 2025 or Wednesday, October 8, 2025

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

CHECK-IN &
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome & Overview

Get a quick overview of the rapidly evolving gun law landscape and new Minnesota laws.

– *Blair W. Nelson*

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

SCOTUS and Beyond – The 2025 Firearms Litigation Update

This session will delve into the practical implications of recent and ongoing U.S. Supreme Court decisions impacting gun rights, other significant appellate court decisions, and ongoing litigation that could reshape gun law in Minnesota and nationwide.

– *Zachary C. Graham*

10:00 – 10:10 a.m.

BREAK

10:10 – 10:55 a.m.

Hand-offs and Hand-downs – Transferring Guns in Minnesota Without Committing an Accidental Felony

This session will focus on the practicalities of legally transferring gun ownership in Minnesota, both during a person's lifetime and upon their death, including:

- Private Sales
- Background Checks
- Recordkeeping
- Gun Trusts

– *Ben I. Rust*

10:55 – 11:00 a.m.

BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Litigating Gun Ownership Cases in Minnesota

Learn the rights, prohibitions, and responsibilities of gun ownership with a focus on litigation strategies and practical advice for clients when appealing a denial of a gun permit.

- *Steven K. Budke*
- *Nicholas R. Levenson*

12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK (on your own)

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Who Can and Can't Have a Gun After the Supreme Court's Ruling in U.S. v. Rahimi? – Prohibitions and Pathways to Restoration

Learn to identify clients who are legally prohibited from possessing firearms, the specific triggers for these prohibitions (e.g., felony convictions, domestic violence, mental health adjudications), and the practical steps for advising clients on restoration of their firearm rights, including expungement and certificate of restoration processes. Topics include:

- Who can and cannot possess a gun
 - Minnesota's Extreme Risk Protection Orders
 - Interstate considerations
 - State restoration process
 - Federal restoration process
- *Blair W. Nelson*

1:45 – 1:55 p.m.

BREAK

1:55 – 2:55 p.m.

Getting the Instructions Right and Other Issues in Gun Cases Involving Self-Defense

Seasoned practitioners explore the statutes and caselaw that are the basis of self-defense and delve into the critical nuances of jury instructions in gun cases centered on self-defense, offering insights into effective litigation strategies.

- *Brad Johnson*
- *Sauna F. Kieffer*
- *Joseph P. Tamburino*
- *Cathryn Y. Middlebrook, moderator*

2:55 – 3:00 p.m.

BREAK

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

What's New and What's Next – A Roundtable Discussion Analyzing the Latest Developments in Gun Law

An interactive session addressing audience questions and providing insights into developments in state and federal gun law and their potential impact on clients and practitioners. Topics include:

- Whether the "Big Beautiful Bill" is the end of the NFA as we know it
 - The impact of Minnesota's new law requiring police to trace guns
 - "Ghost guns" and ATF rulemaking authority – Why the SCOTUS decision in *Garland v. VanDerStok* matters
 - Deer hunting in Minnesota in 2026
- *Steven K. Budke*
– *Zachary C. Graham*
– *Daniel L. Gerdt*
– *Blair W. Nelson, moderator*

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