



C.D. "CHUCK" MICHEL NAMED A 2022 TOP 100 LAWYER IN CALIFORNIA BY DAILY JOURNAL

Senior Partner of Michel & Associates P.C., President of the <u>Second Amendment</u> <u>Law Center</u>, and civil rights attorney/Second Amendment advocate C.D. "Chuck" Michel was recently featured in the *Daily Journal*'s Top 100 California Lawyers special report for 2022. The report includes interviews with the 100 most highly regarded attorneys in California.

During his interview, Chuck described the challenges his legal team faces while advocating on behalf of gun owners and the Second Amendment in a state where politicians refuse to respect those rights. He told the *Daily Journal* about how the perception of civilian firearms ownership has been manipulated over the three decades since he started advocating for the right to choose to own a gun for sport or self-defense.

"Growing up in New Jersey in my teens, neighbors used to wish me luck as I walked into the woods to go hunting with my shotgun. Nowadays many neighbors would call the swat team. But the negative perception of gun ownership has changed again as folks saw rising crime and the pandemic and bought millions more firearms for sport or protection."

Along with running a boutique 15 attorney law firm, Mr. Michel is the volunteer President of the **California Rifle & Pistol Association**. Since he assumed that leadership position six years ago, CRPA has grown to become the leading Second Amendment advocacy group for California gun owners. CRPA has built influential coalitions with other like-minded groups, and now provides marksmanship and safety training to tens of thousands of California gun owners, promotes a suicide prevention program, coordinates local CRPA Chapters and grassroots, coordinates hunting and range coalition programs, and runs many other new programs.

Mr. Michel described changes to Second Amendment law as a result of the recent Supreme Court decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, which struck down New York's law regulating licenses to carry firearms in public, and the slew of Second Amendment litigation that his firm and the CRPA are handling as a result. These include challenges to California laws banning magazines that hold over 10 rounds, banning many semi-automatic firearms, requiring background checks on ammunition purchases, requiring applicants to demonstrate a special need to get a license to carry a firearm in public, banning the sale of many modern safe handguns, challenging gun show bans, challenging bans on advertising firearms to youth shooters, taxing firearm purchases, and many more.

"It is a busy time for Second Amendment constitutional rights advocates," Michel said. "California politicians don't want to accept the recent Supreme Court ruling that gives the Second Amendment back its constitutional teeth. But we are going to force them to."

You can see the *Daily Journal*'s complete 2022 Top 100 Lawyers special report **here** (subscription required).