

Questions for the research on federal grant monies and the bill:

- 1) Can the federal grant funds be used to support and provide court appointed legal representation from VT Legal Aid?
- 2) If so, can we alter the bill to designate them as appointed legal assistants just as the court does when someone is facing involuntary commitment? And will this assist in our grant application?
- 3) If not, what would the committee like to do with regards representation for those indigent persons seeking Relief From Disability by the Petition process?

I really appreciate that you emphasize the reality of *Heller v. D.C* and *McDonald v. Chicago* with regards the 2nd amendment as well as the recent 6th circuit case to committee members. They certainly have changed the landscape on this area of law. As I have said to Allen Gilbert at the ACLU, it is exciting to watch the building of the architecture of precedent in our time. We are now where the 1st amendment was in 1920 with regards the 2nd amendment. It will be interesting to see how NICS and these other due process issues are handled over time. I have an interesting law review article I would like to share with you. It is by David Kopel and was published in the *Tennessee Law Review* last year. Here is the link

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<http://www.davekopel.org/2A/LawRev/First-Amendment-Guide-to-the-Second-Amendment.pdf>

Thanks again for looking into these questions.

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