

9th Annual South Carolina Gun Law Seminar 2017/2018

About this Year's Team

Massad F. Ayooob

Massad Ayooob has taught police techniques and civilian self-defense to both law enforcement officers and private citizens since 1974. He was the director of the Lethal Force Institute in Concord, New Hampshire from 1981 to 2009, and now operates his own company. Ayooob has appeared as an expert witness in several trials. He has served as a part-time police officer in New Hampshire since 1972 and holds the rank of Captain in the Grantham, New Hampshire police department.

Ayooob has authored several books and more than 1,000 articles on firearms, combat techniques, self-defense, and legal issues, and has served in an editorial capacity for Guns Magazine, American Handgunner, Gun Week, Guns & Ammo and Combat Handguns. Since 1995, he has written self-defense and firearms related articles for Backwoods Home Magazine. He also has a featured segment on the television show Personal Defense TV, which is broadcast on the Sportsman Channel in the US.

While Ayooob has been in the courtroom as a testifying police officer, expert witness, and police prosecutor, he is not an attorney; he is, however, a former Vice Chairman of the Forensic Evidence Committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), and is believed to be the only non-attorney ever to hold this position. His course for attorneys, titled "The Management of the Lethal Force/Deadly Weapons Case", was, according to Jeffrey Weiner: "the best course for everything you need to know but are never taught in law school."

Ayooob has also designed two tactical knives; in 1998 a sheath knife for Master of Defense (currently BLACKHAWK!), and in 2001 a folding knife for Spyderco.

Angela Brady, Counselor and Program Director AddCare Counseling

Angela is a South Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor with certifications through NBCC, NAADAC and NAFC. She earned a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling from Nova Southeastern University. Angela has served as a case manager for homeless youth, mental health case manager, human services coordinator and program director. She has 21 years of experience in the mental health and substance abuse fields. Angela came to AddCare in 2004 and has served as the Program Director and provided direct client care since that time. Angela is married and has two teenaged children. In her spare time, she enjoys crafting, reading and bee-keeping.

Lance Crick, First Assistant US Attorney

Lance Crick is the First Assistant United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina based in Spartanburg and Greenville. He is a recent recipient of the ATF Honor Award for his office's efforts in making communities safer through the expedited federal arrest, detention, and prosecution of violent, repeat gun offenders in upstate South Carolina, an initiative known as "Operation Real Time."

John Paul “J.P.” Ferguson, 3L, University of South Carolina College of Law

John Paul is a 3rd Year Law Student at the University of South Carolina College of Law. He holds Bachelor degree from Newberry College in both Business Administration and Philosophy where he was the captain of the golf team his sophomore and junior years. He is on the Mock Trial Team won Best Oral Argument for Appellant Brief in Legal Research and Writing. He has interned for the Greenville County Solicitor’s Office and for private law firm in Greenville.

Roy F. Harmon, III, Attorney

Roy is a Shareholder with Harmon & Major, P.A., a law firm located in Greenville, South Carolina; He has over twenty years of experience in ERISA matters, from plan design and drafting to case controversies and litigation. He also participates in appeals of firearms rights related cases. He holds an LLM in taxation from the University of Florida College of Law. His Juris Doctor is from the University of Notre Dame College of Law. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in English from the University of Mississippi.

V. Craig Jones, Jr, Assistant Chief Counsel, SCDNR, Attorney

Craig Jones is a native of Sumter County and the son of a 35-year retired law-enforcement officer. He is a 1994 graduate from the Citadel with two years as a reserve deputy with the Sumter County Sheriff’s Office and four years with the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office. He graduated from the Campbell University School of Law and is a former adjunct graduate school professor of criminal justice at The Citadel. He’s also a guest criminal justice lecturer at the Charleston School of Law. His experience includes Town of Folly Beach prosecutor, Police Benevolent Association officer defense counsel, Fraternal Order of Police officer defense counsel and had a general criminal practice to 2013. His current position is Assistant Chief Counsel SCDNR with a primary focus on criminal prosecution, training and other criminal related matters. His position is statewide and he resides in Charleston. He is married with two daughters.

Mark Kelly, Special Agent, ATF Charleston Field Office (Retired)

Mark Kelly has been a Special Agent with Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) in the Charleston, South Carolina Field Office since 1990. He previously was a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service in Charlotte and Philadelphia, specializing in credit card fraud.

With ATF, SA Kelly has focused on violations of the federal firearms laws and interstate firearms trafficking cases along the East Coast. SA Kelly testifies as an expert witness in the interstate commerce of firearms and ammunition, and has attended advanced training at the ATF Firearms Technology Branch, ATF National Tracing Center, tours of firearms factories in New England and the Carolinas, and ammunition factories. SA Kelly has also instructed at the ATF National Academy, the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, FLETC Charleston, and at other law enforcement training seminars on firearms markings and identification.

Robert K. Merting, Attorney

Robert K. Merting is a South Carolina firearms, estate planning, and corporate attorney experienced in the National Firearms Act (NFA), the International Trafficking in Arms Regulations

(ITAR), and general South Carolina firearm laws. He brings his passion for firearms to his statewide practice and routinely helps clients acquire firearms regulated by the NFA and untangle firearms with missing or incomplete registration papers.

His experience prior to private practice includes work at Milliken & Company and several positions working at the defense contractor Jankel Tactical Systems. He is proficient in general corporate law including administrative law with regulatory agencies such as the ATF and DDTC.

Originally from the Low Country, Merting is a graduate of Wofford College where he dual majored with a B.S. in Computer Science and a B.A. in Business Economics. He received his Juris Doctorate from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Major Michael Nunn, General Counsel FCSO, Attorney

Mike is originally from Columbia, SC and he earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Carolina. Mike was a senior litigator at Aiken Bridges in Florence, SC for 27 years whose primary focus was medical malpractice, products liability and governmental tort liability defense. Mike is a Fellow of the American Board of Trial attorneys, the minimum requirement of which is to be lead counsel in at least 100 jury trials.

Mike became a reserve deputy with the Florence County Sheriff's Office in 2006 and in 2009 left private practice to accept the position of General Counsel and Public Information Officer with the Sheriff's Office where he continues to serve with the rank of Major. Mike is a graduate of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy as a Class One police officer who is involved in all aspects of the Sheriff's Office including Patrol, Criminal Enforcement, Investigations, Narcotics and SWAT.

Mike is a member of the National Criminal Enforcement Association and a featured writer for the association's nationally publicized magazine "Criminal Enforcement." A frequent speaker and lecturer on topics effecting law enforcement, Mike is also a NRA Certified Firearms Instructor and SLED Certified CWP Instructor.

Henry Schlein, Attorney

Henry R. Schlein is an attorney with the Cummings Law Firm, LLC, in Summerville, South Carolina, practicing primarily in the Tri-county (Charleston/Berkeley/Dorchester) area. He handles primarily criminal and family law cases, as well as firearms related matters. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1999. He served for 21 years on the Charleston Police Dept. and retired in 1996. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 133rd Session. He served for 4 years in the U. S. Naval Submarine Service. He is an NRA certified law enforcement firearms instructor and a SLED certified CWP instructor. He is also a commercial pilot and flight instructor and was the chief pilot for the Charleston Police Dept. He is also a driving instructor. His contact information can be found at the conclusion of this outline.

Bernice Shaw, Florida Registered Paralegal, A.S.

Bernice organizes the seminar and handles most aspects including communications, billing, and scheduling. Bernice is a member of the Florida Association of Legal Support Specialists and the treasurer and employment chair of the Marion Chapter. Bernice organizes several legal seminars a year in both S.C. and Florida. She is a Florida Registered Paralegal and handles mostly estate planning, probate and

elder law cases in Shaw|Law's Florida office located in Ocala. She is a graduate of the College of Central Florida with an Associate of Arts Degree. She's a graduate of Wildwood Catholic in Wildwood, NJ, and the proud grandmother of six grandchildren. She's also Steve Shaw's mom.

Stephen Fulton Shaw, Ph.D., Attorney

Dr. Steve Shaw is a practicing attorney in both South Carolina and Florida. He holds a J.D. and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida with a Masters and B.S. in Business from Florida State. He served for several years on staff with U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns who led the charge for a national right to carry law since 1995. He has handled a variety of civil and criminal gun issues and is the author of *South Carolina Gun Law*.

Steve has just completed Shaw's 2017 South Carolina Gun Law, the undisputed leading gun law resource for the South Carolina public, bench and Bar. The annual version includes updates of important areas of South Carolina and federal law. He organizes the Annual Gun Law Seminar for attorney and regularly attends the NRA National Seminar. He is also a contributing author of *Florida Firearms: Law, Use & Ownership*, the leading gun law resource in Florida.

Jennifer Wells, Attorney

Jennifer Wells is an Assistant Solicitor in the 7th Judicial Circuit. She currently helps to leads a joint Federal-State task force on domestic violence on behalf of both the Solicitor's Office and the United States Attorney's Office for District of South Carolina. She supervises the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit for the 7th Judicial Circuit. Prior to working in South Carolina, Jennifer was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of North Carolina, where she served in the OCDETF unit for just over eight (8) years. She has prosecuted cases in both state and federal court for over fifteen (15) years.