

8th Annual South Carolina Gun Law Seminar 2016/2017

About this Year's Team

Norbert E. Cummings, Jr., Attorney

Norbert Cummins is a criminal defense attorney in Summerville. He graduated from the University of South Carolina College of Law and a 26 year member of the SC Bar. He is death penalty qualified with the SC Supreme Court and is formerly Assistant Solicitor, 1st Circuit. He's also a Legal Instructor Research Officer Training D.C.S.D., 1987 – 2004, Legal Instructor Research Officer Training for the Summerville P.D., 1987 – 2004, a U.S. Marine Corps League Life Member, Disabled American Veterans Life Member, and an American Legion Life Member.

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.

Mark Kelly, Special Agent, ATF Charleston Field Office

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.

Stephen Halbrook, Ph.D., Attorney

Stephen P. Halbrook is a Senior Fellow at the Independent Institute and an author and lawyer known for his litigation on behalf of the National Rifle Association. He has written extensively about the original meanings of the Second Amendment and the Fourteenth Amendment (the latter as applied to Second Amendment rights). He has argued and won three

cases before the US Supreme Court: *Printz v. United States*, *United States v. Thompson-Center Arms Company*, and *Castillo v. United States*. He has also written briefs in many other cases, including the Supreme Court cases *Small v. United States* (pertaining to the Gun Control Act of 1968) and *McDonald v. Chicago*. In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, he wrote a brief on behalf of the majority of both houses of Congress. More broadly, his decades of research on the Second Amendment contributed to the intellectual foundation of the *Heller* decision. He has written many books and articles on the topic of gun control, some of which have been cited in Supreme Court opinions (*Heller*, *McDonald*, *Printz v. United States*). He has testified before congress on multiple occasions. Halbrook's most important scholarly contribution, however, was the book *That Every Man Be Armed*, originally published in 1986. The book was the most thorough analysis of the legal history and original intent of the Second Amendment.

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.

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.

Judge Lawrence McElynn

Judge McElynn is the Chief Magistrate Judge for Beaufort County.

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.

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 the revised 2nd Edition of SC Gun Law with nearly 50 additional pages 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.

Larry Wood, Attorney

Larry Wood is a practicing attorney in Mauldin, S.C. and President of Stillwater Services, a conflict resolution and workplace peace organization. He has taken training in mediation and conflict coaching through Peacemaker Ministries, an internationally recognized peacemaking organization and is a certified S.C. Family and Civil Court mediator. He is also the host of the Peacetalk radio show on AM 660.