

Katten Wins Outstanding Pro Bono Law Firm Award from Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence

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The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence has honored Katten with its Richard W. Odgers Pro Bono Award for Katten's "exceptional efforts in vital Second Amendment litigation." The Law Center recognized Katten for having, throughout the last two years, represented the Law Center and other gun safety organizations as *amici curiae* in successfully defending against Second Amendment challenges to bans on assault weapons and large capacity magazines enacted by four states and three municipalities in the wake of the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. This work has involved seven Katten attorneys in three different offices in litigation in the Second, Fourth, Seventh and Ninth US Courts of Appeals, federal district courts in Connecticut and New York, and state appellate courts in Colorado and Illinois.

Members of the Katten team are: Director of Pro Bono Services Jonathan Baum; San Francisco Bay Area Environmental associate Julia Miller; New York Litigation and Dispute Resolution associates Mark Ciani, Daniel Ketani and Christopher Patalano (not yet licensed); and Chicago Litigation and Dispute Resolution associate Thomas Peabody.

Jonathan Baum accepted the award on behalf of Katten at the Law Center's 22nd Anniversary Dinner in San Francisco on June 22. "As honored as we are to receive this award," Jonathan said during his acceptance speech, "the real honor is in having the opportunity to help, in at least some small way, to make Americans safer from gun violence."

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