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QUICK UPDATE

- ❑ Planning for Purpose Mentorship in conjunction with Buckley and Michaels collaboration
- ❑ Downtown Chicago Office opened located at 216. S Jefferson St., Chicago, Il 60661
- ❑ Hiring for part-time Legal Assistant. (Send Resume to danielle@buckleyandmichaels.com.)

USPS DRIVER DEFEATS FEDERAL GUN CHARGE UNDER SECOND AMENDMENT BELOW

Dedicated to providing exceptional legal services and excited to have you as part of our esteemed legal community.

What is holding you back from expunging your record?

You got it! Contact results@buckleyandmichaels.com for assistance.

Q: What do I need to know to choose between expungement and sealing?

A: You cannot expunge (erase) any record that resulted in a conviction, unless the conviction was reversed, vacated, pardoned by the Governor, or approved for expungement by the Prisoner Review Board.

If you have been convicted and none of the exceptions apply, you may still be able to seal (hide) your conviction, depending on the charge and how much time has passed.

Q: What if I have some offenses that can be expunged or sealed and some that cannot?

A: Even if certain cases are not eligible for expungement or sealing, you can still expunge or seal those arrests and cases that are eligible.

Disclaimer: Any information provided is for general purposes only and should not be considered as professional advice. For specific concerns, it's recommended to consult with relevant experts or professionals.

“Not addressing it, does not make it go away.”

COMMUNITY

Melana Burdine & Brooklyn Mattson created the **Planning for Purpose “PFP” mentorship** program providing transformative Youth mentorship designed to empower and guide young minds toward success. PFP is currently offering sessions available on [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) open to youth boys + girls ages 10-18.



SECOND AMENDMENT

Seeking to stem the tide of gun violence, many states have passed laws to regulate firearms. The federal government also has imposed certain gun control laws. These must fall within the constraints of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which confers an individual right to bear arms. The modern U.S. Supreme Court has developed a robust interpretation of this provision, dating back to its decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller* in 2008. The Court further expanded gun rights in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* in 2022. Writing for the majority, Justice Clarence Thomas found that a law in the area covered by the Second Amendment can stand only if the government can show that it is “consistent with the nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.”

A Florida judge recently applied the Bruen standard in dismissing a charge under a federal gun control law. This case arose when a driver for the U.S. Postal Service wore a fanny pack containing a handgun into the post office where he worked. The driver held a concealed carry permit and allegedly kept the firearm for self-defense while he was on the job. He was arrested and eventually charged with violating a law against knowingly bringing a firearm into a federal facility. (Prosecutors also charged him with resisting arrest under a separate statute.)

The driver successfully challenged the gun charge under the Second Amendment. A judge in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida found that the government did not prove that prohibiting gun possession in post offices fits within the historical tradition of firearm regulation described in Bruen. She explained that there was no record of a firearm ban covering post offices or postal workers when the U.S. was founded. These types of laws did not emerge until the 20th century, according to her research.

A potential related issue is whether USPS can prevent employees from bringing weapons into the post office. The judge noted that the case concerned only a criminal prosecution, so she did not discuss whether this type of employment policy would violate the Second Amendment.

Source: [Justia Legal News](#)



LEGAL ASSISTANT JOB POSTING

Job Description

- Part – Time Paralegal/Legal Assistant
- Schedule depositions, client meetings, attorney meetings, etc.
- Docket court orders/maintain attorney schedule/calendar
- Prepare, organize, and retrieve case files.
- Assists attorneys with trial preparation and perform other related duties as assigned.

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