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## CLE GENERAL MEETING



### “THE SECOND AMENDMENT”

Legal Analysis  
Constitutional Considerations  
Current NYS & Federal Legislation

#### Guest Speakers:

**David Keene**  
**President, National Rifle Association**

**Ron Kuby Esq.**  
**Stephen Halbrook Esq.**

**George Kollitides**  
**CEO, Freedom Group**

**Prof. Jay C. Carlisle II, Moderator**  
**PACE Law School**

**MAY 8, 2013**

**SPECIAL LOCATION**  
**New York Athletic Club**  
180 Central Park South  
New York, NY

**Cocktails, Dinner & 2 CLE Credits**  
6:00-6:30 PM Cocktails  
6:30-7:30 PM Dinner  
7:30 PM Lecture Begins

**\$125 Members**  
**\$150 Guests**

**\*RSVP ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED\***

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## President's Message

We have an exciting and unprecedented CLE planned for our May General Meeting. On May 8, we are honored to have national figures speak to us at the New York Athletic Club about timely issues involving the Second Amendment. The esteemed speakers for this program are:

**David Keene** is the President of the National Rifle Association and has appeared on many national news and television programs. Mr. Keene is an attorney, columnist, political activist who has written, spoken and lobbied on behalf of hunters, shooters and firearms owners. Mr. Keene has worked in the White House and in Congress and has been involved in nearly every congressional battle over gun rights since the early 1970s. Throughout Mr. Keene's career, he has worked with many U.S. Senators and Presidents dating back to the Nixon Administration. Mr. Keene has stood with members of both major political parties to protect Americans' civil liberties. Mr. Keene was a Chairman of the American Conservative Union from 1984 to 2011.

**Ronald L. Kuby** is a criminal defense and civil rights lawyer, radio talk show host and TV commentator. He has hosted radio programs on WABC Radio in New York and Air America Radio. Some of Mr. Kuby's notable clients are: Colin Ferguson, the man responsible for the 1993 LIRR shootings; Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, accused of plotting to murder Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam; Darrell Cabey, a youth shot by Bernard Goetz who successfully sued Bernard Goetz for said shooting.

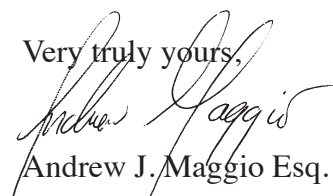
**Stephen Halbrook** is a Washington DC based attorney who wrote an Amicus Brief on behalf of 55 U.S. Senators in the watershed *Heller* case. Mr. Halbrook is currently suing New York State with respect to the N.Y. Safe Act. Mr. Halbrook is a prolific writer of books and articles on Second Amendment issues and has testified in numerous Congressional hearings.

**George Kollitides** is the CEO of Freedom Group, the largest manufacturer of firearms and ammunition in the United States. The Freedom Group has acquired notable brands such as Remington, Marlin and Bushmaster, a manufacturer of the controversial AR-15 military style rifle. Freedom Group is owned by Cerberus Capital Management, a private equity investment firm. However, on December 18, 2012, following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, Cerberus began divesting its assets in Freedom Group.

I hope you will be able to attend this extraordinary Columbian Lawyers event.

Avanti!

Very truly yours,



Andrew J. Maggio Esq.



Our distinguished guests from the March CLE (L-R) NYC Marshal Alfred E. Locascio, NYC Marshal Martin A. Bienstock, NYS Supreme Court: Judge Peter Rosato, Judge Richard Molea, Judge John LaCava, Susan Esposito Esq., Judge Nicholas Iacovetta, Judge John Perone, Judge Paul Victor, Judge Eugene Nardelli, Judge Joseph Giamboi.

## Join Us!

The Columbian Lawyers Association - First Department (“CLA”) accepts members from all backgrounds. A “Voting Member” must be of Italian descent and an attorney. However, a “Friend of” category of membership is open to any attorney regardless of ethnic background or to any non-attorney of any ethnicity. The CLA is proud to have members that fit into all of the above referenced backgrounds and descriptions - attorneys and non-attorneys, Italians and non-Italians.

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## 2013 Law Student Forum at the Italian Consulate

By Clara Flebus

On April 13, 2013, the Columbian Lawyers Association of the First Judicial Department participated in a Law Student Forum on the topic of “Networking Strategies - Life After Law School,” sponsored by the Confederation of Columbian Lawyer Associations. The Forum was attended by over sixty law students and established attorneys, and was held at the Consulate General of Italy in New York. Clara Flebus, Corresponding Secretary and Board member of our Association, coordinated the event and acted as a liaison with the Consulate. Our Association was also represented by Joseph R. DeMatteo, Past President and current Member of the Board, who served as a speaker on the panel. Other Chapters of the Confederation were represented on the panel by: Stephanie A. Buffa (Suffolk); Gregory Caggiano (Nassau); Andrea F. Composto (Rockland); Hon. Joseph Golia (Queens); Madison Porzio (Queens); and Ralph E. Preite (Brooklyn). Panelists’ presentations were introduced by Concetta I. Mennella, President of the Confederation, who also spoke at the event.

The panel offered concrete advice to help students advance their careers, develop their networking skills, and promote the general profile of Italian-American lawyers. Particular attention was devoted to the role of social media in professional networking. Panelists cautioned students that employers normally research prospective candidates, and that students should be aware of what information is available on line about themselves and their associates. The discussion also focused on digital networking, such as joining “listservs” on bar association websites, establishing e-mail groups to disseminate information, and using databases of lawyers to send e-mail blasts to prospective employers. Finally, the panel emphasized the importance of establishing personal connections with experienced lawyers by participating in bar association activities and events.

After the panel discussion, law students and lawyers had an opportunity to network, engage in mentoring, and discuss employment and career decisions. Ms. Mennella was very happy about the event and thought it was one of the best presentations in the series of student Forums sponsored by the Confederation. Mr. DeMatteo emphasized the value of the Forum to the Italian-American legal community and expressed our Association’s continuing support for the Confederation.



Clara Flebus, Concetta Mennella, Ralph Preite, and Joseph DeMatteo.

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J.D., Georgetown University Law Center (1978); Ph.D., Philosophy, Florida State University (1972). Former assistant professor of philosophy at Tuskegee Institute, Howard University, George Mason University. Research Fellow, The Independent Institute.

**CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION**

Supreme Court practice: represented majority of members of Congress as amici curiae in *Heller v. D.C.* (2008) (invalidating D.C. handgun ban under Second Amendment); represented the National Rifle Association in *McDonald v. Chicago* (2010) (invalidating Chicago handgun ban). Personally argued and won: *Castillo v. U.S.* (2000) (upholding right to jury trial in Gun Control Act issue in Waco prosecution); *Printz v. U.S.* (1997) (invalidating Brady Handgun Act mandates to States under Tenth Amendment); *U.S. v. Thompson/Center Arms Co.* (National Firearms Act ruling for manufacturer against ATF).

Numerous federal and state appeals argued in 35 years of law practice. Cases involve Bill of Rights guarantees, Federalism, and Fourteenth Amendment.

**BOOKS AUTHORED**

*The Founders' Second Amendment: Origins of the Right to Bear Arms* (2008)  
*Defending Civil Rights: Freedmen, the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, & the Right to Bear Arms* (1998, 2010)  
*Firearms Law Deskbook* (1995-2013)  
*That Every Man Be Armed: The Evolution of a Constitutional Right* (1984, 2013)  
*A Right to Bear Arms* (1989)  
*Target Switzerland: Swiss Armed Neutrality in World War II* (1998)  
– also in German, French, Italian, & Polish editions  
*The Swiss and the Nazis: How the Alpine Republic Survived in the Shadow of the Third Reich*  
– also in German & French editions

Numerous articles in law reviews and popular media. See [www.stephenhalbrook.com](http://www.stephenhalbrook.com)

**CONGRESSIONAL & MEDIA**

Numerous instances of Congressional testimony, TV/radio appearances, law lectures.

**David A. Keene**  
**President, National Rifle Association**

David A. Keene is the president of the National Rifle Association of America. Elected to the NRA Board of Directors in 2000, Keene currently serves as chairman of the Legislative Policy Committee and chairman of the Meeting Site Selection Committee.

From December 1984 to January 2011, Keene served as chairman of the American Conservative Union, the nation's oldest and largest grassroots conservative lobbying organization. In that capacity, he was often interviewed and quoted by the political news media.

Keene is an attorney, columnist, political activist and lobbyist who has written, spoken and lobbied on behalf of hunters, shooters and firearms owners for decades. He has worked in the White House and Congress and has been involved in nearly every congressional battle over gun rights since the early 1970s.

A lifelong hunter, Keene has helped save hunter-friendly conservation programs in Africa, and he assisted the international hunting community when major airlines threatened to stop carrying hunting arms to Africa.

Keene attended the University of Wisconsin Law School, where he was the national chairman of Young Americans for Freedom. Since then, he has been a John F. Kennedy Fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics, a First Amendment Fellow at Vanderbilt University's Freedom Forum, and a member of the Board of Visitors at Duke University's Public Policy School.

Keene's involvement in presidential politics extends back to the Nixon administration, in which he served as a special assistant to Vice President Spiro Agnew. His experience in national politics includes varied roles, such as executive assistant to New York Sen. Jim Buckley; southern regional political director for Ronald Reagan's 1976 presidential campaign; national political director for George H.W. Bush in 1980; and senior advisor to Sen. Robert Dole in 1988.