

# Gun Violence in America: Exploring Solutions Through Litigation



## **Introduction**

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## **Welcome**

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## **Gun Industry Accountability**

NY Senator Zellnor Myrie



## **Suing Gun Manufacturers**

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## **Enforcing Gun Safety Laws & Challenging Gun Lobby Overreach**

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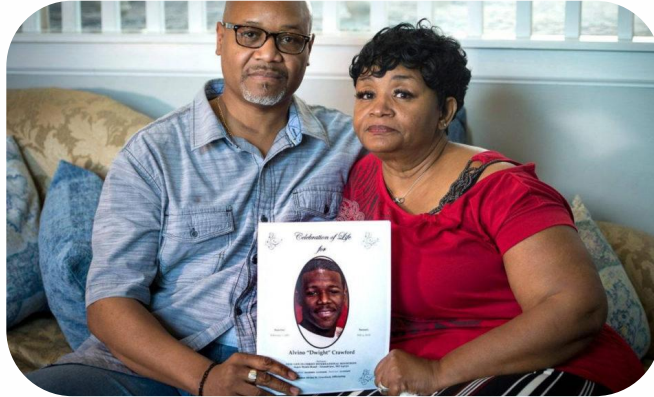


## **Wrap-Up**

How to apply for funding, Q&A

# Our Clients

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## What is the Everytown Law Fund?

The Fund is a **\$3 million litigation fund** to provide financial support for legal actions that advance the right of every person to be free from gun violence and to speak, learn, pray, assemble, protest, and vote without fear or intimidation.

# Who Do We Fund?

- The Fund will provide support for smaller and mid-sized law firms, solo practitioners, and non-profit legal projects, including law school clinics and legal services organizations.
- We encourage applications from BIPOC, women, LGBTQ+, and disabled-led firms and public interest organizations.



# What Type of Litigation Will We Fund?

1. Lawsuits seeking accountability for survivors of gun violence from irresponsible firearm manufacturers, distributors and retailers
2. Claims that product defects caused unintended shootings
3. Claims based on deceptive marketing practices
4. Challenges to laws that increase the risk of armed confrontation
5. Lawsuits seeking enforcement of gun safety laws
6. Lawsuits arising from armed intimidation
7. Claims to compel disclosure of public records and data

More info at: <https://everytownlaw.org/fund/about-the-fund/>



## **Ohio NAACP, Elected Officials and Advocates Challenge Ohio's Stand Your Ground Law**

Everytown Law represents the Ohio NAACP, the Ohio Organizing Collaborative, Ohio Representative Stephanie Howse, and Ohio Senator Cecil Thomas in a lawsuit alleging that the Ohio General Assembly violated the Ohio Constitution in passing new Stand Your Ground legislation.



# How Will Our Funding Work?

- May include funding for attorneys' fees at a fixed hourly rate and for common costs of suit, but will be capped depending on the complexity of the case.
- In simple cases, we will consider a fixed fee for the entire suit.
- *Pro bono* contribution to cases is encouraged.
- Under program guidelines, the Fund will not seek repayment except from the proceeds of successful cases and will never seek to recover more than reimbursement for what it paid out.



## How to Apply

Request a funding application at:  
<https://everytownlaw.org/fund/interest-form/>

# What to Expect When You Apply

- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed as they are submitted.
- Especially interested in litigation projects that are likely to impact underserved communities that are especially hard hit by gun violence, including communities of color.
- ***Do not*** provide attorney-client protected information in your application.
- If your application is granted, we will ask you and your client(s) to enter into a funding agreement.
- We will provide you with information about the litigation activities and costs we will cover as well as about any caps that will apply.
- At all times you will maintain control of the case.



# More Information is Available


**Website:** <https://everytownlaw.org/fund/>

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