

# What Does the NRA Want With One of America's Top Drug Lawyers?

The NRA called on a self-described “aging Jewish hippie” who doesn't own a gun and who frequently defends drug defendants to speak at the organization's recent annual convention – because he's a drug attorney who understands how the nation's Byzantine drug laws could threaten gun owners.

Gerry Goldstein said he was as surprised as anyone to receive the invitation, reports [The Dallas Morning News](#).

Reporter [David Tarrant](#) writes that federal law could cause pot users to lose their right to carry firearms, even in states where marijuana possession is legal. And the NRA could see a natural alliance between gun rights activists and people like Goldstein.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives recently sent a letter to all federally licensed gun dealers, stating: “Any person who uses or is addicted to marijuana, regardless of whether his or her state has passed legislation authorizing marijuana use for medical purposes ... is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition.”

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