

# NRA Shakes Up Legal Team Amid Intensifying Civil War

*The Washington Post* **reports** that the National Rifle Association shook up its legal team Thursday and severed ties with its longtime outside counsel, intensifying a civil war that has upended the influential gun rights lobby.

The group dismissed prominent Washington attorney Charles Cooper, and another outside counsel, Michael Volkov, resigned, an NRA spokesman said.

*The New York Times* **reports** that Cooper had been aligned with former NRA president Oliver North in a contest with chief executive Wayne LaPierre. Cooper had been charging the group \$1,350 an hour, the *Times* reports.

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