

It is a good day for Liberty.

The attorney-client privilege is supposed to be sacred. President Trump's private lawyer had his office and home searched on the chance he might have evidence that can be used against the President. In early May the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District ruled that monitoring phone calls between an attorney and the jail is not a violation of the attorney-client privilege. This ruling makes it more difficult to represent incarcerated persons. I know something of this case; I was the first attorney the defendant spoke to. Every call was prefaced with the statement that this was an attorney-client privileged call. The court did not think this was important. The defendant and I spoke about the facts of the shooting and possible defenses. The court said there was no evidence of this. It seems that the presumption is that the attorney-client privilege is not violated. The defendant decided to go with a local attorney. This is a good decision and has no relationship to a violation of the attorney-client privilege.

I was giving a concealed carry class and one of the students looked up my book on her phone. She found it advertised for \$400.00 on the internet. This is sixteen times the cover price with tax. It seems I should be selling on the internet.

WMSA member Eric Burger has disputed my estimate of attendance at Rally Day. He points out that there were 200 chairs in the rotunda and most seats were filled and there were people standing. A more accurate estimate after the Rally began is 250 people. Eric has set the next Rally Day for 10 April, 2019, the second Wednesdays in April.

Dick's Sporting Goods has elected not to sell AR15 type rifles and to destroy existing inventory. They refuse to sell long guns to persons under 21. This is their business, although if I was a stock holder I would think it bad business. However, they went further. They have hired anti-gun lobbyists to promote gun restrictions on the federal level. This was too much. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the association of gun manufacturers and sellers has ejected the company from their organization. Further, Mossberg, Springfield MKS, Hi-Point and Inland Manufacturing have decided to refuse to do business with Dicks in the future. Also, a 20 year-old Dicks employee has quit over the policy. Good on him.

Kansas City based Lockton Insurance was sued by the New York state Insurance Commissioner for underwriting the NRA's "Carry Guard Program." The commissioner claimed that it was insuring criminal actions. This is a lie. For the protection to kick in there must be a credible claim of self-defense. The usual suspects do not allow facts to get in the way of hysteria. Instead of protecting its insureds Lockton folded, paid a \$7 million fine and broke its contract with the NRA. NRA is suing for damages. I have not heard of similar actions against other self-defense insurance programs in New York or other states.

The usual suspects constantly cry for the Center for Disease Control to be allowed to study the effect of guns on our society. We have protested that they manipulated data to produce propaganda. We now know that the CDC studied the number of self-defense incidents using guns in 1996, 1997 and 1998. They found that over these three years there were 2.5 million defensive gun uses in each of these three years. They buried the reports. Government money was used

to produce these studies, but the CDC made a conscious decision to withhold them from the American public. The studies contradicted their prejudices. Since we cannot trust the CDC to investigate and report honestly, why should we waste more money on their studies?

A man in Seattle stole an ice ax and walked down the street threatening and assaulting people. Officers followed ordering and cajoling him to put down the ax. Finally Officer Nick Guzley grabbed the man while he was disarmed. No injuries to anyone. Officer Guzley is threatened with discipline by the Office of Professional Accountability for failure to de-escalate the situation. They seem to think that he could have done more to cause the man to surrender. When a threat refuses to de-escalate there is no choice except force. Unlike civilians the police could not just walk away and leave him to assault strangers. Persons with concealed carry licenses have often been accused of aggravating a situation, simply by being armed. This same “cloud-coo-coo-land” thinking will be applied to us.

Two women argued and one rammed her car into the other’s vehicle; where a child was sitting. The mother of the child drew her gun and the aggressor drove away. She drove straight to the police station. The mother was charged and convicted on the grounds that the other party made the first police report. You may never have to fast draw your gun; you will have to fast draw your cell phone.

Public television did a program about Missouri gun laws. It was in a room off the Westport Flea Market in Kansas City. State Representative T. J. Berry (Republican) from Kearney and Representative Carpenter (Democrat) from Gladstone gave opposing views. The room was filled with the usual suspects and a number of WMSA members. Representative Berry had contacted us for some talking points. None of these came up in the discussion but he presented our position very well. There was time for questions from the audience and the usual suspects presented the usual nonsense. It was tempting to expose all of their nonsense but a great general once said, “He who tries to hold all, holds nothing.” I confined my remarks to Representative Carpenter’s claims that a Missouri bill allows persons convicted of adult abuse to carry guns (it does not). If someone gave me talking points that were so often wrong I would put the source down as unreliable. The usual suspects, I fear, are not listening or do not care. Representative Berry sent us a nice note expressing his appreciation for our show of support.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program has 1911’s for sale. The prices seem a bit high for guns that have been “rode hard and put away wet.” They are veterans and should be valued as such.

The Star comics includes the “Hagar the Horrible” strip. Hagar is a Viking who pillages Europe to make his wife happy. In the 19 May, 2018 strip Hagar is in a line in front of a bouncer who declares that he must frisk everyone for weapons. The bouncer sends away a wretch with the advice, “You can’t come in without a weapon.” Hagar declares, “Viking bars are the best!”

SB 954 has passed. This bill adds carrying a concealed weapon to the crimes which may be expunged. Carrying a concealed weapon is not a crime anymore and so it is just that it be added to the list. I did not expect the

expungement statute to be expanded so soon. I am glad to see it. I had hoped that the bill reducing the number of “gun free” zones in Missouri would pass. It did not. The next Rally Day is the Second Wednesday in April, 2019.

We shall overcome.