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**RESOUNDING VICTORY FOR BILL OF RIGHTS
COURT STRIKES DOWN WASHINGTON, D.C. GUN BANS**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. and ALEXANDRIA, Va., – Following over four years of litigation, the law firm of Gura & Possesky, PLLC is pleased to announce that a federal appellate court has struck down Washington, D.C.’s draconian bans on the home possession of handguns and ordinary functional firearms by law-abiding individuals. Alan Gura, in association with Robert Levy and Clark Neily, successfully represented six Washington, D.C. residents who challenged the city’s gun bans as violations of their rights under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

“This is a tremendous victory for the civil rights of all Americans,” stated Alan Gura, lead counsel for the plaintiffs. “The case has implications far beyond the Second Amendment’s right to keep and bear arms. The court today affirmed that the Bill of Rights means what it says. The government cannot erase our most fundamental civil rights by stretching the meaning of the Constitution’s language, or declaring our rights are somehow outdated. Had the city prevailed, no individual right would be secure from governmental claims that it is no longer practical or beneficial, or from arguments that ‘the people’ protected in the Bill of Rights are merely a euphemism for the government,” continued Mr. Gura.

The case is Parker v. District of Columbia, D.C. Circuit No. 04-7041.