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**ATTORNEY GENERAL JOINS AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK
CONCEALED-CARRY LAW**

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HONOLULU, HI – Hawai'i Attorney General Anne Lopez joined a coalition of fifteen attorneys general supporting the constitutionality of New York's concealed-carry laws by asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to reverse a lower court decision that preliminarily enjoined certain aspects of New York's Concealed Carry Improvement Act ("CCIA").

In an amicus brief filed in *Antonyuk v. Nigrelli*, the coalition argues that the CCIA's provisions—which include new concealed-carry license requirements and restrictions on carrying firearms in certain sensitive places such as schools, public parks, and airports—are constitutional. The coalition further argues that licensing requirements offer a common-sense way to ensure that guns are not carried by individuals who demonstrably lack the character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a deadly weapon.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, known as the *Bruen* case, litigation challenging gun relations has increased dramatically nationwide. In Hawai'i, the Department of the Attorney General has been vigorously defending challenges to important firearm regulations, including Hawai'i's lawful regulations prohibiting the possession of assault pistols and large capacity magazines.

Attorney General Anne Lopez states:

"Common-sense firearms laws—like New York's rules prohibiting guns in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings—are constitutional

and effective. Laws like these have a crucial role to play in protecting the public from the serious risks of gun violence.”

Joining Attorney General Lopez in filing the brief are the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, the Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

To find a copy of the brief in *Antonyuk v. Nigrelli* in full, please click [here](#).

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