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The Hon. Harry B. James III
Richmond County Probate Judge
735 James Brown Blvd., Suite 1000
Augusta, GA 30901

Via Facsimile 706-821-2442

RE: Temporary weapons carry licenses

Dear Judge James:

I am writing you on behalf of my client, GeorgiaCarry.Org, Inc. ("GCO"). GCO is a member-driven grass-roots organization whose mission is to foster the rights of its members to keep and bear arms.

It has come to GCO's attention that you do not issue temporary renewal Georgia Weapons Carry Licenses ("GWLs") to the citizens of Richmond County who are applying for renewal GWLs and who request a temporary license. As you do doubt are aware, O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129(i) provides for the issuance of temporary renewal GWLs, and provides that, absent information that the applicant is ineligible, "the judge shall at the time of application issue a temporary renewal license to the applicant." Generally the use of the word "shall" is mandatory. *Moore v. Cranford*, 285 Ga.App. 666 (2007) ("The use of the term 'shall' means that the probate judge has no discretion....")

I am writing in an attempt to resolve this issue informally and without the need for litigation. Please respond by January 31, 2014 to advise me whether you intend to initial temporary renewal GWLs to those applicants who qualify and request them.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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