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Thanks Brad!

Jason Weinstein was excellent and very well received. Jason was particularly adept at comparing gun trafficking cases to complicated drug cases –with the distinction that guns are not inherently illegal. ATF was helpful in filling in the operational aspects and difficulties of working firearms trafficking cases. Durbin's staff expressed interest in the lack of a firearms trafficking statute, and Jason was good at laying out the challenges of prosecuting straw purchasers.

It was a good turnout (see below) from SJC and Feinstein's Drug Caucus staff.

Attendees

Name	Office
Kristen Kreple	Kohl/Judiciary
Phoebe Randel	Blumenthal
Dan Swanson	Durbin
Paige Herwig	Klobuchar
Aimee Ghosh	Klobuchar
Zach Gima	Coons
Keith Franks	Cornyn
Stephen Tausend	Cornyn
Kevin Hartmann	Feinstein/Drug Caucus
Kate Brennan	Feinstein/Drug Caucus
Tony Orza	Feinstein/Judiciary
Jeremy Paris	Leahy/Judiciary
Stephanie Martz	Schumer/Judiciary
Justin Florence	Whitehouse/Judiciary
Matt Virkstis	Leahy/Judiciary
Ron Donovan	Grassley/Judiciary
Brian Dourey	Grassley/Judiciary
Jason Foster	Grassley/Judiciary

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FYI: I heard from Billy Hoover that ATF thought the briefing went really well.