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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

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Kristen Kreple Kohl/Judiciary
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Tony Orza Feinstein/Judiciary
Jeremy Paris Leahy/Judiciary
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FYI: I heard from Billy Hoover that ATF thought the briefing went really well.