

Amy Swearer - Bio

Amy Swearer is a Senior Legal Fellow in the Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, where her areas of scholarship include the Second Amendment, overcriminalization, school safety, and the intersection of mental health and gun violence. Ms. Swearer runs Heritage's Defensive Gun Use Database, is a primary author of the recently published Heritage Foundation e-book, "The Essential Second Amendment," and was heavily involved in the organization's School Safety Initiative. She has become a leading conservative voice in national conversations on gun policy and is routinely asked to share her expertise before a wide array of audiences, including state and federal legislative bodies. She was the 2022 recipient of The Heritage Foundation's Joseph Shattan Award for "writing that presents conservative ideas in a powerful and compelling fashion to policymakers and the American people," and was also named the Second Amendment Institute's 2022 Gun Rights Champion. Ms. Swearer received her law degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law, during which time she also clerked at the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office.