



## **Biography**

### **Kristen Rand**

Kristen Rand is Legislative Director for the Violence Policy Center and is a leading expert on firearms policy. Before joining the Violence Policy Center, Ms. Rand served as counsel with Consumers Union (publisher of *Consumer Reports*) where she was responsible for implementing CU's legislative and regulatory agenda on product safety, product liability, and pesticide regulation. Ms. Rand is the co-author (with Josh Sugarmann) of *Cease Fire: A Comprehensive Strategy to Reduce Firearms Violence* and has authored numerous other VPC studies and analyses. She has been published and quoted in opinion-making news outlets such as *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *National Public Radio*, *NBC News*, *Newsweek*, and the *Associated Press*. Ms. Rand received a J.D. from George Washington University and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Southern California with a B.A. in International Relations.