Guns and sentencing reform

By ISAAC ARNSDORF | 01/19/16 02:00 PM EST

With help from Emily Kopp and Noah Weiland

WARNING SHOTS: Gun Owners of America emailed supporters decrying President Barack Obama's executive actions on gun control and declaring, "Here's How We Can Hit Obama Where it Hurts!" The group wants to block the bipartisan sentencing reform bill (H.R. 4321/S. 2123) unless it repeals the president's gun measures. Urging members to contact Sens. Ted Cruz and Mitch McConnell, the group is making good on a threat forewarned by CGCN Group's Sam Geduldig and reported in PI.


NEW YORK VALUES: Former New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani is joining Greenberg Traurig as global chair of the firm’s Cybersecurity and Crisis Management Practice and senior adviser to Executive Chairman Richard A.
Rosenbaum. Marc L. Mukasey, who was unit chief and deputy chief appellate attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and a former staff attorney at the Securities and Exchange Commission, is also joining the firm’s white-collar practice.

Both men come from Bracewell & Giuliani, which took the former mayor’s name when he joined in 2005. The firm will go back to being Bracewell now, it said in a statement, calling the departure “amicable."

HAPPY TUESDAY! Hope you enjoyed the holiday weekend. I did not receive ANY debate haikus — further evidence of the DNC scheduling conspiracy? So here’s mine:

Six hundred thousand
dollars for speeches? Did they
get what they paid for?

FIRST IN PI ... Squire Patton Boggs hired Meg Gilley, a congressional lobbyist from the American College of Surgeons, as an adviser in the firm’s public policy group. Gilley used to work for Rep. Jack Kingston (R-Ga.), who joined Squire Patton Boggs in February 2015. She also held state government affairs roles for the Georgia Hospital Association and Georgia Regents University and Health System. SPB’s health care clients include Wake Forest University Health Sciences, the American Association of Orthodontists and Children’s Medical Center of Dallas.

Speaking of Kingston, his cooling-off period just expired, as did that of Rep. Jim Matheson (D-Utah), who also joined the firm last year. With those hires in a lobbying group led by former Sens. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) and John Breaux (D-La.), the firm has a rare straight flush of former members from both parties and both chambers.

ALSO FIRST IN PI ... Fred Palmer, Peabody Energy’s senior vice president of government relations from 2001 to 2014, is the newest partner of public affairs firm of Total Spectrum/Steve Gordon and Associates. He’ll work on coal production and generation.

&c.
— Rodger Currie is returning to the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America as executive vice president for advocacy, leading federal, state and international government affairs and alliance development. Currie most recently was chief of government affairs at the American Psychiatric Association. As vice president of global government affairs at Amgen, Currie worked on the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009, which became part of the Affordable Care Act. He was senior vice president for government affairs and law at PhRMA during the push for Medicare Part D.

— Corey Owens, head of public policy for Uber until December, is now head of North America public policy at DJI, which makes and sells drones. He’ll be working on policies for small consumer drones. Owens previously worked at Facebook, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, the Constitution Project and the ACLU. DJI’s Jon Resnick has already been repping the company in D.C., but it hasn’t yet retained any outside firms. The Small UAV Coalition and big companies like Amazon and Intel are also lobbying on drones (all represented by Akin Gump).

— William F. Tyndall is the new CEO of the Center for Clean Air Policy, succeeding Ned Helme, the founder and president of CCAP who is stepping down after 30 years. Tyndall led clean energy initiatives at Duke Energy as vice president for commercial strategic initiatives.

— Paige Hanson left the Joint Economic Committee and started as director of government affairs at the Organization for International Investment, representing companies such as Honda, Nestle, Airbus, Michelin and L’Oreal.

— The National Beer Wholesalers Association promoted of Dave Christman to vice president of state affairs.

— Evan Engstrom, who was Engine’s policy director, succeeds Julie Samuels as executive director.

— Vinoda Basnayake, of counsel at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, is the new chair of the DC Vote board of directors.

— Former U.S. Senate Historian Donald A. Ritchie joined the board of directors of
the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education on the campus of Shepherd University.

NEW PAC REGISTRATIONS (Type of PAC):
Americans United For Values (Independent expenditure-only committee — unauthorized)
S.D.T.F.B (Independent expenditure-only committee — unauthorized)

NEW LOBBYING REGISTRATIONS (Firm: Client):
Covington & Burling LLP: Illumina, Inc.
Helen Delich Bentley: Thorndyke Resource
Husch Blackwell, LLP: Pressure Sensitive Tape Council
Masiello, Martucci, Calabrese & Associates Save Ontario Shores, Inc.
McGuireWoods Consulting: Centurion American Development Bank
Mercury: Morris Kearney Associates LLC
Mercury: Spire Global Inc.
PRASAM: Szanca Solutions, Inc.
Shelly Lyons Public Affairs and Communications: Environmental Defense Fund
Shenker Russo & Clark LLP: Center for Disability Services
Shenker Russo & Clark LLP: New England Fuel Institute
The Summerill Group LLC: Lafayette County Sheriff’s Office
The Summerill Group LLC: Pulaski County Detention Center
Van Ness Feldman, LLP: Advanced Hydro Solutions LLC
Van Ness Feldman, LLP: Xavier University of Louisiana
Venable LLP: IHS Automotive, Inc.

NEW LOBBYING TERMINATIONS:
ADS Ventures, Inc.: IPPF World Wide Inc.
Squire Patton Boggs: American Association of Orthodontists
The Byrd Group LLC: Anheuser-Busch Companies, LLC
Van Scoyoc Associates: VGM Group, Inc.
Barnes & Thornburg LLP: City of Indianapolis
Barnes & Thornburg LLP: Simon Property Group, Inc.
Capitol Hill Strategies, LLC: CITIGROUP MANAGEMENT CORP
Capitol Hill Strategies, LLC: Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company
CGCN GROUP, LLC: America’s Natural Gas Alliance
CGCN GROUP, LLC: Consumer Credit Industry Association
CGCN GROUP, LLC: General Electric Energy Financial Services
CGCN GROUP, LLC: General Motors Company
CGCN GROUP, LLC: Herbalife International of America, Inc.
CGCN GROUP, LLC: Organization for International Investment
CGCN GROUP, LLC: Teradata Corporation
CGCN GROUP, LLC: US Chamber of Commerce
CGCN GROUP, LLC: Univision Communications, Inc.
Daniel Kostenbauder: Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Company
Hanka Advisor LLC: Madison County, Indiana
Harbinger Strategies, LLC: Citigroup Management Corp.
JM Burkman & Associates: Better World Management LLC
JM Burkman & Associates: Evolutionary Genomics
JM Burkman & Associates: Global Prosys
JM Burkman & Associates: Integrated Biorefineries
JM Burkman & Associates: LA Wind
JM Burkman & Associates: Norkota Holdings
JM Burkman & Associates: Portus
JM Burkman & Associates: Remington Energy
JM Burkman & Associates: Sleeping Giant
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic Strategies on behalf of Accenture
Mr. Mark Rey: Nutrigras
Mr. Mark Rey: Travis Lumber Company, Inc.
National Group LLP: Loyola Marymount University
Podesta Group, Inc.: Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Council of 1890 Universities
Podesta Group, Inc.: Ripple Labs
Raffaniello & Associates: National Mining Association
TG&C Group: Teva Technology
The Crane Group Inc: Chubb Corporation
Mr. Roy Bowman: APL Limited
Thorn Run Partners: Multnomah County
Ameriqual Group, LLC: Ameriqual Group LLC
Sabiston Consultants, LLC: John C. Williams Architects, LLC
TwinLogic Strategies, LLP: Motorola Solutions Inc.
Venn Strategies, LLC: Amerinet Inc.
Venn Strategies, LLC: Roundtable on Critical Care Policy
Venn Strategies, LLC: Visiting Nurse Associations of America
Breaux Lott Leadership Group: Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District
Ernst & Young LLP: American International Group, Inc.
Ernst & Young LLP: American Staffing Association
Ernst & Young LLP: Employers for Flexibility in Heath Care Coalition (Informal Coalition)
Ernst & Young LLP: Financial Services International Tax Reform Working Group (Ad Hoc Coalition)
Hecht Latham Spencer & Associates, Inc.: Credit Union National Association, Inc.
Holland & Knight LLP: General Motors LLC
McAllister & Quinn, LLC: California State Department of Justice
McAllister & Quinn, LLC: OrthoWorx
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic Strategies (on behalf of Motorola Solutions, Inc.)
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic Strategies (on behalf of Sprint Corporation)
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic Strategies (on behalf of the Comp Carriers Assn. FKA Rural Cell Assn)
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic Strategies LLP (on behalf of Consumer Electronics Association)
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic Strategies on behalf of Engine Advocacy
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic Strategies on behalf of Pew Charitable Trusts
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic Strategies on behalf of the Internet Infrastructure Coalition
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic Strategies on behalf of Zebra Technologies
National Environmental Strategies: BluLNG
National Environmental Strategies: Cenovus Energy
Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough: Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
Squire Patton Boggs: CB&I Federal Services
Squire Patton Boggs: Red Flat Nickel Corporation
Tauzin Consultants, LLC: Exotic Wildlife Association
Tauzin Consultants, LLC: Industrial Safety Training Council
Tauzin Consultants, LLC: National Sheriffs' Association
The Colwell Group, LLC: Jackson Vaughn Public Strategies on behalf of Cash America International
The Furman Group: Puente Basin Water Agency
The Madison Group: Cognizant Technology Solutions US Corporation
The Normandy Group, LLC: General Motors Company
The Smith-Free Group: K&L Gates- on behalf of Lower Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group
The Washington Tax & Public Policy Group: Sixkiller Consulting (on behalf of Alliance for Int'l and Cultural Exchange)
Wilson Elser Moslowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP: Alice Hyde Medical Center
Wilson Elser Moslowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP: Center for Disability Services
Wilson Elser Moslowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP: Healthcare Association of New York State
Bracewell and Giuliani, LLP: Phoenix Nuclear Labs (No Activity)
Capitol Strategies, LLC: American Rivers (No Activity)
Cohen & Grigsby P.C.: Carl J. Bonnett, MD PLLC (No Activity)
Davis & Harman LLP: Hollywood Com LLC / Hollywood Media Corp (No Activity)
Ernst & Young LLP (Washington Council Ernst & Young): HSBC GR-Corp
JMS Consulting LLC: GEN 2 Energy Company (No Activity)
Mr. John Cozad: National World War I Museum (No Activity)
Ruggerio Willson & Associates, LLC: J Street (No Activity)
GovBiz Advantage, Inc.: Alaska Miners Assn (No Activity)
Sabiston Consultants, LLC: Pennington Biomedical Research Center (No Activity)
Sabiston Consultants, LLC: Tidal Basin (No Activity)
TwinLogic Strategies, LLP: Coblence & Associates on behalf of Fashion Piracy Informal Coalition (No Activity)
Washington2Advocates: Sabey Corp (No Activity)
Woosley and Associates, Inc.: Miles Community College (No Activity)
A.G. Kaffes and Associates LLC Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (FNIDCR) (No Activity)
Coffield Law PC: North American Natural Casing Association (No Activity)
Conservation Pathways, LLC: Environmental Defense Fund (No Activity)
Dunaway & Cross, P.C.: City of Kannapolis, NC (No Activity)
Ernst & Young LLP (Washington Council Ernst & Young): American Iron and Steel
Institute (No Activity)
Foley & Lardner LLP: Daxor Corporation (No Activity)
Foley & Lardner LLP: Global Ecology Corporation (No Activity)
Foley & Lardner LLP: RDK Enterprises, LLC (No Activity)
Husch Blackwell, LLP: Element Electronics Corp. (No Activity)
Law Offices of Marc Shapiro: Pozen Inc. (No Activity)
Moore Consulting: TwinLogic (Coblence & Assoc. on behalf of Fashion Piracy Informal Coalition) (No Activity)
Mr. Michael G. Oxley: NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (No Activity)
Prime Therapeutics: Prime Therapeutics (No Activity)
Rising Tide Associates: ADS, Inc. (No Activity)
Robison International, Inc.: MDS Coating Technologies Corporation (No Activity)
Robison International, Inc.: GE Aviation (No Activity)
Squire Patton Boggs: SG Interests (No Activity)
The Colwell Group, LLC: Beech Acres (No Activity)
Woosley and Associates, Inc.: Youth Dynamics Inc. (No Activity)