



Shooting bad guys made of paper is one thing; shooting a living, breathing adversary is another. Even if the shooting is "righteous," you need quality legal representation.

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ARMED CITIZENS' LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK

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"What can I expect if I actually have to shoot someone in self-defense? What will happen with the police? What can I expect from the courts?"

Whether on firearms message boards, in coffee shops, or at your local gun store, people are asking questions like these each and every day.

The discussions that ensue are filled with some facts, many anecdotes and much misinformation. To a large extent, what happens will differ depending on where the incident takes place. State, county and even city laws and responses may vary greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, as will any Federal violations that may or may not be prosecuted. Therefore, you should take what you read on the interwebs with a boulder of salt.

It would be a great help if those of us who choose to carry for self-defense could have an attorney who is not only well-versed in self-defense law, but who also has access to expert witnesses, in our back

pockets. The truth of the matter is that most of us cannot afford such a retainer. That presupposes that we even know such an attorney. So who would you call?

Enter Marty Hayes, a former police officer, then founder, rangemaster and chief instructor of the Firearms Academy of Seattle.

Over the years he has witnessed firsthand what the legal system in today's USA can do to the ordinary armed citizen—a guy or gal like you and me, who merely protected themselves in a lethal encounter. Marty first became an expert witness in lethal force trials, and after that he went on to law school. He was intent upon becoming a criminal defense attorney, specializing in handling deadly force cases. It was after his first year in law school, while talking to his firearms students, that an idea bloomed and a different approach

was envisioned. Marty graduated with his JD in mid-2007.

Marty then began turning this idea into reality, and the Armed Citizens' Legal Defense Network, LLC was born. With his wife, Gila Hayes, as the operations manager, and the administrative abilities of J. Vincent Shuck (a lifetime shooter) as the vice-president of the network, they set about the task of putting this idea in motion. They formed associations with others who agreed with the basic idea, and the advisory board consisting of Massad Ayoob, John Farnum, Tom Givens and Dennis Tueller (yes, *that* Tueller) was formed. This advisory board became the Armed Citizens' Legal Defense Foundation.

The Network was to become the day-to-day operations center, while the Foundation was to become the vehicle by which