

# The Legal Beagle

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- Summer Time Crime Beware of explosive statistics
- Miranda Rights- are they protecting the terrorists?
- Hiring the Right Attorney- What you need to know before hiring your next Attorney
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## Arizona Immigration Law by Sarah McGowan

The state of Arizona, through Governor Jan Brewer, has passed the toughest bill in the United States on illegal immigrants. This bill calls for the identifying, prosecuting and deporting of all illegal immigrants and for all people to carry their immigration papers with them at all times.

The Governor thought it would make the community a safer place. The law would give police officers a right to restrain any persons in question of being in the country illegally.

This law is said to be giving law officials an open right to discriminate and harass any non-Caucasian person, especially Hispanic.

Even before it was signed, President Obama publicly criticized it. Hundreds of phone calls from residents of Arizona also called into the state house to voice their negative opinions. Ever since it was passed, there has been much uproar.

There have been protests all around the country showing the strong dislike for this new law.

In Los Angeles, there were more than 50,000 people to gather and Gloria Estefan led the group in a march through downtown.

She spoke in English and in Spanish, saying that the country was made up of immigrants and that they were not criminals.

In Boston, Mayor Tom Menino and the city council also voiced their resistance



for this new law. He is going to consider cutting contracts with companies out of Arizona that agree and comply with the law. Washington, D.C., New York, and Los Angeles are also considering taking the same actions as Boston.

Governor Deval Patrick has issued a statement saying Massachusetts will never have a law like Arizona and even if it did pass, he would veto it.

He supports Mayor Menino's actions as well.

## Summer Time Crime Up to 16% by Sarah McGowan

School is out, the weather is nice, it is vacation season and the crime rate goes up?

It is true, depending on the crime, there is an increase in crime by 6% to 16%.

Theft is one of the crimes that increases the most.

It could be the heat getting to people or the fact that kids are out of school and just looking for something to do.

### FACT:

There are no actual reasons why (that people have found yet), but the crime rate since the 1800s has always been higher in the summer.

## Graduation Season and Drunk Driving by Sarah McGowan

It is that time of year again, when the high school and college graduates are celebrating their accomplishments and the fact that they get to move on to a new chapter of their life. The parties are fun to attend, but beware; this is also one of the most dangerous times of the year.

### FACT:

The underage drinking and drunk driving rates increase dramatically. More than one third of the people under 21 killed in alcohol related car

crashes are killed between April and June. High schools do a great job of creating awareness of these dangers.

Many surrounding high schools have guest speakers who have either lost someone that they love, or were personally affected by a drunk driving accident. Many towns, like Milford and Franklin have mock-car crashes as a reminder of what the damages could be.

Most students believe that nothing like

that could ever happen to them. No one wants to lose the ones that they love, so talk to your kids about the dangers of drinking, and especially drinking and driving and make sure the people around you are acting responsibly.



## Obama Looking Over the Miranda by Sarah McGowan



President Obama has recently stated that he is willing to look over the Miranda Rights.

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. has brought this up to the President.

As of right now, these rights ban prosecutors from using statements made by the suspects as evidence if it

was said before they were told they had the right to remain silent and to consult a lawyer.

This is mostly for terrorism suspects and the ability for officials to detain these suspects and have more freedom to question them.

Having to stop and tell them their rights stops the flow of the officials and usually stops the suspect from answering the questions.

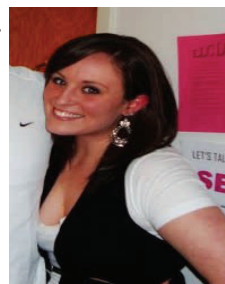
This would lead to the suspect not handing over useful information, maybe about future attacks, that would keep the country safe.

The Miranda rights would not be changed, just simply modified and slightly loosened. Terrorism suspects are not regular criminals.

## Welcome Sarah McGowan, Communications Lead

We are very proud to announce the arrival of Sarah McGowan. Sarah comes to us from Assumption College in Worcester. She is currently in her second year and is majoring in Sociology with a minor in Criminology (GPA 3.2).

Sarah is a member of the Varsity Volleyball team (Outside Hitter). For the past 2 years, during her Spring Break, Sarah has taken part in the "SEND" trips sponsored by her school,



where she has just recently returned from Mississippi, having worked on houses that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Welcome Sarah!

## Shaking Up the Supreme Court by Sarah McGowan

President Obama has nominated Elena Kagan to be a part of the Supreme Court.

This is going to be a big change for this panel of judges for many reasons. If she is inducted, she will be serving as the third woman, which is more than at any other time.

Kagan is Jewish, which will mean there will be no Protestants. Another controversial subject would be the fact that she does not have any experience being a judge.

She was the former Dean at Harvard Law School, so she does know the law, she just hasn't practiced it.

She believes that all of these characteristics should not affect her in any negative way or hinder her performance as a judge for the Supreme Court.

She supports the President in rereading the Miranda Rights.

Senator Scott Brown said he is keeping an open mind to this nomination and hopes that the vote will be fair

and respectful. Kagan needs 59 votes to be a Supreme Court Justice.



## War on Drugs, No More by Sarah McGowan

President Nixon declared a war on drugs over four decades ago. Today, President Obama has rethought this move.

The White House announced that there will be a shift in the drug policy in this country.

It will be more focused on turning drugs into a public health issue, which means that there will be more funding going into the prevention and treat-

ment.

The President aims to lower the drug rate by 15% over the next 5 years and the same hope goes for drug abuse deaths and driving under the influence of drugs.



Marijuana was the main topic of discussion, but there has also been a signifi-

cance increase over the years in prescription drug use, so that was also a major topic.

There will be databases for doctors to monitor if there are too many prescriptions being written for painkillers.

Officials will also be urging doctors to talk about drug use with their patients to try to catch it early so they can intervene to help.

## Hiring the Right Attorney For You

Every case differs from person to person and finding the right Attorney can be a challenge. Sometimes, something as simple as having similarities with a person you are thinking about hiring will make you feel that you can trust this person.

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