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Rebranded Bassmaster College Classic Cup presented by Lew’s will debut in Florence, Alabama from sports page 1

for use throughout the year at eligible events. The winner will also receive a fully-rigged Nitro boat, similarly wrapped to showcase their school, for use throughout the season. In addition to the truck and boat, the champion will receive \$7,500 in prize money and paid entry into one Turtlebox Bassmaster Opens presented by Battery Tender division of their choice, providing an immediate opportunity to test their skills against anglers pursuing the highest levels of professional bass fishing. The ultimate prize will be a berth in the 2027 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour, giving the College Classic Cup champion the opportunity to compete on bass fishing’s biggest stage in Greenville, South Carolina which will be held March 19-21. “This new format creates a clear connection between college fishing and the opportunities available at the professional level,” Cale said. “College anglers put

an incredible amount of work into balancing school, travel and competition, and this event gives them something significant to chase. One angler is going to leave Florence with resources and opportunities that can help turn a dream of professional fishing into a reality.” Wilson Lake, a Tennessee River impoundment in northwest Alabama, will provide a fitting venue for the inaugural event under the Bassmaster College Classic Cup name. The fishery offers competitors a variety of options and will challenge anglers to make adjustments throughout three days of October competition. Florence and the surrounding Shoals area have a rich connection to fishing and the outdoors, while Alabama has long played an important role in the history of B.A.S.S. and competitive bass fishing. Bringing the rebranded championship to Wilson Lake will give college anglers an opportunity to compete in a state

synonymous with the sport while pursuing one of the biggest prizes available in college fishing. The Bassmaster College Classic Cup presented by Lew’s will also provide a showcase for college fishing programs and the student-athletes who represent them. With the champion’s Toyota Tundra and Nitro boat wrapped in their school’s colors and logo, the Dream Package will allow the winner to represent their university throughout the following season while competing at the next level. Competition will take place Oct. 9-11 on Wilson Lake. Additional information regarding the tournament format, qualified anglers, daily takeoff and weigh-in locations and fan activities will be announced at Bassmaster.com. 2026 Bassmaster College Series Title Sponsor: Strike King 2026 Bassmaster College Series Presenting Sponsor: Bass Pro Shops

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B.A.S.S., which encompasses the Bassmaster tournament leagues, events and media platforms, is the worldwide authority on bass fishing and keeper of the culture of the sport, providing cutting-edge content on bass fishing whenever, wherever and however bass fishing fans want to use it. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., the organization’s fully integrated media platforms.

NRA files Supreme Court brief to strike down bans on America’s most popular rifles for citizens

The National Rifle Association of America filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court urging the justices to strike down bans on commonly owned semi-automatic rifles, including AR-15s, in *Viramontes v. Cook County* and *Grant v. Higgins*. The cases challenge bans in Cook County, Illinois, and Connecticut. The Court is considering whether the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protect the right to possess AR-platform and similar semiautomatic rifles that tens of millions of Americans already own for lawful purposes. "Tens of millions of law-abiding Americans own these rifles for self-defense, sport, and the same freedoms our Founders fought to protect," said Doug Hamlin, NRA EVP and CEO. "Progressive politicians in Illinois, Connecticut, and beyond want to ban the most popular rifles in America. These restrictions are a blatant violation of constitutional rights and an affront to the founding principles of our country. The NRA's amicus brief, filed today by our world-class

legal team, clearly lays out the legal reasons why the Supreme Court should take decisive action to strike down these types of bans on commonly owned firearms." The NRA brief, filed with the American Suppressor Association and the Independence Institute, traces repeating arms from 1490 through the introduction of semiautomatics. It shows that today's rifles are not a "dramatic technological change"—the rationale lower courts typically use to uphold bans—and that no historical tradition supports banning the Nation's most popular rifles. The Supreme Court granted review on June 30, 2026. Joseph G.S. Greenlee of NRA-ILA is counsel of record.

About the NRA: The National Rifle Association of America is America's longest-standing civil rights organization and the foremost defender of Second Amendment rights. Founded in 1871, the NRA is the leading provider of firearms marksmanship and safety training for civilians and law enforcement.

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Tennessee Supreme Court suspends Williamson County attorney for failing to promptly disburse settlement proceeds to the client

NASHVILLE, Tenn., September 8, 2026 – The Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Fred C. Dance, a Williamson County attorney, from practicing law for five years, with three years to be served on active suspension. Mr. Dance committed multiple violations of the Court’s Rules of Professional Conduct by mishandling client funds. In 2017, Mr. Dance represented a client in a wrongful death lawsuit. The client settled the lawsuit for \$20,000, and the opposing party sent a check for that amount to Mr. Dance. Al-

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stead of disbursing them to his client. He did not disburse the funds to his client for nearly four years, and only after his client filed a complaint with the Board of Professional Responsibility. A hearing panel concluded that Mr. Dance had violated Rules 1.4(a)(3), 1.4(a)(4), 1.15(a), 1.15(d), 8.4(a), and 8.4(c) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. And it recommended that Mr. Dance be disbarred from the practice of law. Although Mr. Dance admitted to the misconduct, he challenged

the hearing panel’s recommendation that he be disbarred. He argued that the hearing panel had applied the wrong presumptive sanction under the standards published by the American Bar Association. Moreover, he argued that the hearing panel should not have applied certain aggravating factors and had overlooked other mitigating factors. Finally, Mr. Dance pointed to more lenient punishments imposed on lawyers committing similar misconduct as evidence that disbarment was a comparatively harsh sanction. As a preliminary matter, the Ten-

nessee Supreme Court clarified that the standard of review for a hearing panel’s recommended punishment in an appeal under Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, section 33.1(d) is de novo rather than abuse of discretion. The Court affirmed the hearing panel’s determination that Mr. Dance had knowingly converted client property and that the presumptive sanction therefore was disbarment. The Court also affirmed the hearing panel’s application of aggravating and mitigating factors. But after considering the sanctions imposed in cases involving similar attorney

misconduct, the Court concluded that Mr. Dance should receive a less severe penalty than disbarment. Accordingly, the Court modified Mr. Dance’s punishment from disbarment to a five-year suspension, with three years to be served on active suspension. To read the Court’s unanimous opinion in *Dance v. Board of Professional Responsibility*, authored by Justice Sarah K. Campbell, visit the Supreme Court opinions section of [TNCourts.gov](https://www.tncourts.gov).

SAF Journalism Project editor Williams announces Presidential Pardon for Patrick “Tate” Adamiak ... from sports-military 2

gun owner’s worst nightmare for more than four years,” said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. “Despite the tenacity of Matthew Larosiere’s representation of Tate during his prosecution and subsequent appeal, the judicial system failed to yield a just decision. Thanks to the tremendous investigative reporting by Lee, this case was brought to the forefront of people's minds on a continu-

ous basis. While Tate shouldn’t have endured what happened to him in the first place, we are thrilled he has finally received the pardon he deserves.” For more information, and to read the extensive collection of stories on Adamiak’s plight, visit [SAF.org](https://www.saf.org). The Second Amendment Foun-

dation ([saf.org](https://www.saf.org)) is the nation’s oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored. Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises the right to keep and bear arms.

Hagerty commends President Trump on appointment from sports-military 2

ment and lead diligently, efficiently and—above all—effectively. This is a critical position for our nation’s defense, and I can’t imagine a better leader for the world’s greatest warriors. I have every confidence that Adam

will be a catalyst for positive change as acting secretary of the Army and support the outstanding work Secretary of War Pete Hegseth has done thus far in re-establishing American military excellence.”

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The virtual meeting will be from 2:00p.m. - 2:45p.m. on Wednesday, September 23rd. In order to help ensure a good discussion, participation will be limited to the first 25 people who sign up. If you would like to participate, please send an email confirmation to kconley@memphiscrime.org by September 21st. The Zoom link will be provided the day prior to the meeting.

