

## CASE BRIEF

### *People v. Buschell*

*People v. Buschell* is the trial of Ryan Buschell, a resident of Emerald City. Buschell is charged with murder and with violating the California Concealed Carry Statute.

The prosecution alleges that Ryan Buschell murdered friend and fellow Wheeler University student, Becca Abeles. The prosecution argues that a disagreement between Ryan and Becca led Becca to produce evidence that Ryan had violated the strict honor code at Wheeler. Exposure of this evidence would jeopardize Ryan's chance of inheriting \$20 million. The prosecution further argues that the wound on Becca matches a knife owned by Ryan, and that fibers on Becca match Ryan's clothing. Finally, the prosecution argues that eyewitness testimony will show that Ryan followed Becca from a desert music festival to her campsite where the murder took place.

The defense argues that Ryan and Becca have been friends since childhood, and that Ryan would never harm Becca. The defense argues that they had resolved their disagreement just prior to the homicide. The defense also argues that eyewitness testimony will show that Ryan has an alibi and was not at the campsite where Becca's body was found. The defense further argues that the forensic evidence regarding the knife and fibers is speculative and inconclusive.

The pretrial issue is whether restrictions on concealed firearms ownership in the California Concealed Carry Statute violate Ryan's fundamental right to bear arms under the Second Amendment. The defense argues that self-defense is a fundamental right and the right to carry a concealed handgun should extend beyond the home for self-defense purposes. The prosecution argues that the California statute is a reasonable regulation of the right to bear arms and is therefore constitutional.