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## **County Clerk Romeo: Answers Needed from New York State on Conceal Carry Improvement Act**

**(August 24<sup>th</sup>, Rochester NY)** – With less than 10 days until September 1<sup>st</sup>, Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo is informing Monroe County pistol permit holders and applicants that she has not received any further updates from Albany regarding the Conceal Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) passed by the Legislature during their Extraordinary Session in July.

“While I appreciate the intent of this legislation, the delay in communicating the new rules and regulations to the public has led to growing tensions and confusion. The entire team at the Monroe County Clerk’s Office shares in the frustrations we hear every day and asks for the community’s patience as we all wait for the State to provide us this essential guidance,” County Clerk Romeo stated.

On August 23, 2022, a preliminary injunction hearing was held in Federal Court by the Northern District of New York in *Antonyuk et al. v. Bruen*. The lawsuit was filed 10 days after the State Legislature passed the CCIA, and the outcome of this hearing could alter the implementation of this legislation.<sup>1</sup> The Judge has reserved his right to issue a decision in this matter.

Yesterday, it was reported by WHEC 10NBC News<sup>2</sup> that the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has issued guidance indicating that **current pistol permit holders in Upstate counties will be exempt from the new training requirements in the CCIA**. Further details have not yet been provided on this decision, or the implications for training requirements for new pistol permit applicants.

“I have been in contact with Governor Hochul’s Office along with our Monroe County State Delegation, and appreciate the open lines of communication we have maintained on these important issues. However, in the next several days, there is much work to be done to make sure all New Yorkers are prepared and have the needed information in order for a successful implementation of the Conceal Carry Improvement Act.” Romeo added.

The Monroe County Clerk’s Office continues to ask individuals with concerns to sign up for their email distribution list and check their website at [www.monroecounty.gov/clerk-pistolpermits](http://www.monroecounty.gov/clerk-pistolpermits).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://firearmslaw.duke.edu/2022/08/litigation-highlight-antonyuk-v-bruen/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://twitter.com/WHEC\\_JLewke/status/1562208989227745280?s=20&t=EmyEaqfirzTnL9kUA3rODQ](https://twitter.com/WHEC_JLewke/status/1562208989227745280?s=20&t=EmyEaqfirzTnL9kUA3rODQ)