

Jim Supica (James W., Jr.)

Museum Director | Historical Firearms Consultant | Licensed Attorney (Inactive)

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A distinguished museum professional and legal consultant with over 40 years of experience in curatorial leadership, historical firearms research, and corporate legal counsel. Former Director of the NRA Museums Division. Nationally recognized author and subject matter expert in antique firearms valuation, with extensive experience in expert witness testimony for high-profile civil litigation.

CORE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Supica Consulting LLC | website – GunHeritage.com | *Owner & Consultant* | 2020 – Present

- Provides specialized consulting and appraisal services for historical and collectible firearms to museums, private collectors, and legal firms.
- Museum exhibit design and historical provenance verification.

NRA Museums Division | Fairfax, VA & Springfield, MO | *Director* | 2008 – 2020 | [website](#)

- Oversaw the operation of three museums and the conservation and regulatory compliance for a 10,000-gun collection valued at \$70M+.
- Doubled annual visitation at the National Firearms Museum (Fairfax) and led the design of the National Sporting Arms Museum (Springfield), now the most-visited firearms venue in the U.S. (250k+ annual visitors).
- Managed a team of seven curatorial staff and directed global media outreach tallying 2M+ annual web views.

Old Town Station, Ltd. / Kull & Supica Auctions | Lenexa, KS | *President* | 1992 – 2008

- Operated a national-level antique firearms retail and auction house.
- Authored and published 54 issues of the *Old Town Station Dispatch*, establishing industry-standard valuation tips for collectors.

United Construction Co., Inc. | Lenexa, KS | *Vice President & General Counsel* | 1980 – 1992

- Managed legal, administrative, and strategic planning for a heavy highway firm with \$60M annual volume (inflation-adjusted). Specialized in contract claims, regulatory compliance, and administrative law.

EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY

- **Civil Litigation:** Specialized testimony on historical provenance, valuation, and museum-grade identification.
- **Key Cases:** *Rupp v. Becerra* (2018), *Worman v. Baker* (2017), *Tardy v. O'Malley* (2013).
- **Scholarly Impact:** Cited in *Amici Curiae* briefs to the **U.S. Supreme Court** (*Kolbe v. Hogan*, 2017).

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY [Amazon author's page – Jim Supica](#)

Full bibliography of nine firearms books and 100+ articles available upon request.

Link to [Google Scholar citations](#)

- [Standard Catalog of Firearms](#) (Editor, 2021–2024), Gun Digest Books. The leading illustrated firearms identification and price guide.
- [Illustrated History of Firearms](#) (Co-Author, 2020), 144k+ copies in print.
- [Standard Catalog of Smith & Wesson](#) (Co-Author, 5 Editions, 2024), the definitive reference on S&W products.

MEDIA & TELEVISION (200+ EPISODES)

- **Co-Host:** [NRA Gun Gurus](#) (Outdoor Channel), [American Guns](#) (Amazon Prime).
- **Guest Expert:** *Gun Stories with Joe Mantegna*, *PBS After Newtown*, *History Channel 101 Weapons*. Total 200 episodes, detailed list available on request.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Juris Doctorate (JD)**, University of Kansas School of Law, 1980.
- **B.A. Psychology**, University of Kansas, 1977.
- **Certified Firearms Appraiser**, American Gunsmithing Institute (AGI).
- **Licensed Attorney (Inactive)**, Kansas and U.S. District Courts.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Board Service:** NRA Board of Directors (2001–2008)
- **Leadership:** Past President, Smith & Wesson Collectors Association.
Past President, Missouri Valley Arms Collectors Association.
National committees for Associated General Contractors of America.
- **Civic:** Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Board of Directors).
Board of Directors of various local non-profit organizations.