Private Party Transfers

Can you imagine if the Legislature wrote a law forcing you to do a \$100 worth of work for a \$10 bill?

That's what the California legislature has done to gun dealers! \$10 is all we get from the fees - the rest goes to CA DOJ. Since Private Party Transfers are required by law, we simply do the best we can under the circumstances. You can help smooth out the bumps too by having all of your documents ready when you show up for your transfer.

Keep in mind that our goal is 100% compliance with the law of the land. We understand that doing it right makes for a tedious paper process but it is what keeps us and our clients out of trouble. Please remember that we don't write the laws that govern firearms transfers, but we do have to comply with them.

Private Party transfers are defined as the transfer of a firearm between two CA residents. A non CA resident must find a CA FFL willing to accept the firearm for further delivery to the CA resident; non CA approved handguns cannot be delivered to a CA resident from an FFL.

Private party transfers by law must be through a licensed dealer.

Interfamilial Transfers

Transfers between parent and child or grandparent and grandchild, and inheritances are not handled through a dealer as private party transfers. Go to the CA DOJ firearms division web site and search for the "Interfamilial/Operation of Law" form. Read the instructions on the back to determine if this applies to your situation. If it applies to you, follow the instructions to complete your transfer. If you have questions concerning a DOJ form, please call DOJ. It's their form and they are the best people to explain it.

The fees are set by State law. As of November 2011 the fees are set at \$35.00.