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Voting Rights and Reintegration: A Role for Law Enforcement
June 8, 2007 New York University School of Law

9:00 – 9:30—Welcome & Introductions

James Johnson, Board Chair, Brennan Center for Justice

9:30 – 10:00—Disenfranchisement & Restoration: The National Landscape

Erika Wood, Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice

The Brennan Center will present an overview of the legal landscape of felony disenfranchisement laws in the United States and the trend toward reform over the last several years. This session will convey the range of policies currently in effect and illustrate the national momentum for reform.

10:00 – 11:00—Policy Discussion: The Case for Post-Incarceration Restoration

Larry Schwartzol, Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice

Participants will discuss a draft of the Brennan Center’s forthcoming policy paper, which lays out the case for post-incarceration restoration of voting rights. In addition to showcasing the key policy arguments in favor of post-incarceration restoration, this session will invite substantive, critical discussion of the paper.

11:00 – 11:15—Break

11:15 – 12:15—Securing Voting Rights Under Current Law

Myrna Pérez, Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice

Ana Muñoz, Field Organizer, Brennan Center for Justice

Participants will explore how law enforcement and corrections agencies educate people about current law, implement laws restoring rights, and serve public safety objectives through attention to reentry and voting rights. The goal of this session is to develop collectively a set of best practices.

12:15 – 1:15—Lunch

Glenn Martin, Co-Director of the National HIRE Network, discusses the movement for voting rights from the perspective of an impacted individual.

1:15 – 2:15—Leadership Within Law Enforcement Communities

Larry Schwartztol

This session will explore the diverse ways of being a leader for progressive policy change within law enforcement fields. This session will also focus on effective messaging techniques for gaining support among law enforcement professionals for reforming felony disenfranchisement laws.

2:15 – 2:30—Break

2:30 – 3:30—Advocating for Reform: Influencing Policy Makers and Opinion Leaders

Renée Paradis, Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice

Erika Wood

Participants will discuss the role of law enforcement leaders in advocating for policy change. The conversation will center on how law enforcement professionals decide to engage questions of public policy, and how to effectively influence government officials and the media.

3:30 – 4:00—Next Steps

Deborah Goldberg, Director, Democracy Program, Brennan Center for Justice

Larry Schwartztol

Participants will plan ways to work together to further the cause of voting rights restoration.