

ABOUT THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE

THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW is a non-partisan public policy and law institute that focuses on the fundamental issues of democracy and justice. Our work ranges from voting rights to campaign finance reform, from racial justice in criminal law to presidential power in the fight against terrorism. A singular institution—part think tank, part public interest law firm, part advocacy group—the Brennan Center combines scholarship, legislative and legal advocacy, and communications to win meaningful, measurable change in the public sector. Founded in 1995 by the family and clerks of Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., the Center is dedicated to his vision of “common human dignity.”

From its beginning, the Brennan Center has played a central legal and intellectual role on the subject of money and politics. It helped draft the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (BCRA), and successfully defended the law before the U.S. Supreme Court as co-lead counsel in *McConnell v. FEC*. In the wake of *Citizens United*, the Center leads the legal defense of campaign finance laws in federal court. Most recently, it defended Arizona’s Clean Elections system in the U.S. Supreme Court in *McComish v. Bennett*. Over the years, its attorneys and experts have testified frequently before Congress and state legislatures, have counseled policy makers nationwide, and have participated in campaign finance litigation in dozens of federal courts. The Brennan Center also serves as constitutional counsel to the Fair Elections Now Act coalition, advocating for public financing laws at the federal level. Recent publications include *A Return to Common Sense* by executive director Michael Waldman and *Small Donor Matching Funds: The NYC Election Experience*.

The Brennan Center would like to acknowledge the Arkay Foundation, Jeffrey Clements, Marilyn and Robert Clements, the Columbia Foundation, the Compton Foundation, The Nathan Cummings Foundation, The Democracy Education Fund, Democracy Alliance Partners, the Ford Foundation, The Joyce Foundation, Open Society Foundations, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Fran and Charles Rodgers, and Wallace Global Fund for their generous support of our money in politics work. Statements made and the views expressed in this volume are solely the responsibility of the Brennan Center and the authors.

The Brennan Center would also like to thank the NYU’s *Review of Law and Social Change*, the *Harvard Law and Policy Review*, the *Georgia State University Law Review*, and the *Harvard Law Review* for their permission to reprint many of the essays published in this volume.