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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Brennan Legacy Awards Dinner—where we pay tribute to the legacy of Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., celebrate the work of the organization that bears his name, and honor leaders in our country and community who uphold the rule of law and human dignity.

Tonight we are privileged to pay tribute to two exceptional leaders. We are honored to be joined by the Attorney General, Eric Holder, Jr. And we are delighted to honor Nicole Seligman, executive vice president and general counsel of Sony. We thank them, our emcee Soledad O'Brien of CNN, and all the supporters, pro bono partners and colleagues here tonight. We could not do our work without your help.

The Brennan Center works to make real the promise of American democracy. We are proud that our nonpartisan work has had such wide impact. Now we seek to advance bold policy remedies in voting, campaign finance, access to justice, and in efforts to restore the rule of law to national security policy. In all this, we need your help and commitment.

Thank you, again, for your support of the Brennan Center for Justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Waldman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Waldman

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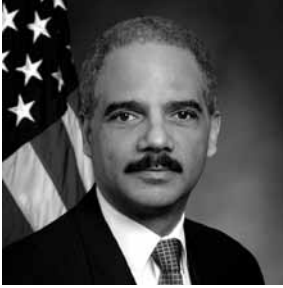
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The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.

Attorney General of the United States

Eric H. Holder Jr. was sworn in as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States on February 3, 2009 by Vice-President Joe Biden. President Barack Obama announced his intention to nominate Mr. Holder on December 1, 2008.

In 1997, Mr. Holder was named by President Clinton to be the Deputy Attorney General, the first African-American named to that post. Prior to that he served as U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. In 1988, Mr. Holder was nominated by President Reagan to become an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Holder, a native of New York City, attended public schools there, graduating from Stuyvesant High School where he earned a Regents Scholarship. He attended Columbia College, majored in American History, and graduated in 1973. He graduated from Columbia Law School in 1976.

While in law school, he clerked at the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense Fund and the Department of Justice's Criminal Division. Upon graduating, he moved to Washington and joined the Department of Justice as part of the Attorney General's Honors Program. He was assigned to the newly formed Public Integrity Section in 1976 and was tasked to investigate and prosecute official corruption on the local, state and federal levels.

Prior to becoming Attorney General, Mr. Holder was a litigation partner at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington.

Mr. Holder lives in Washington with his wife, Dr. Sharon Malone, a physician, and their three children.

BRENNAN LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT



Nicole Seligman

Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Sony Corporation

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Nicole Seligman holds the position of Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Sony Corporation, reporting to Sir Howard Stringer, Chairman, CEO and President, Sony Corporation. She oversees legal, compliance and internal audit activities for Sony Corporation, and serves as a member of Sony's Group Executive Committee.

Ms. Seligman joined Sony Corporation of America (SCA) as Executive Vice President and General Counsel in September 2001, reporting to Howard Stringer. She was appointed Corporate Executive Officer, Sony Corporation, in June 2003, and was promoted to General Counsel of Sony Corporation in June 2005. Ms. Seligman retains her responsibilities as EVP and General Counsel for SCA, overseeing all legal, intellectual property, governmental, regulatory and general affairs activities.

Ms. Seligman joined SCA from Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C. where she was a partner in the firm's litigation practice working on a broad range of complex civil and criminal matters, and counseling a wide range of clients including President William Jefferson Clinton and Lt. Col. Oliver North.

Prior to that, she served as law clerk to Justice Thurgood Marshall on the Supreme Court of the United States (1984–1985), and as law clerk to Judge Harry T. Edwards at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (1983–1984). From 1978–1980 she was associate editorial page editor for the Asian *Wall Street Journal* based in Hong Kong.

She received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College (Radcliffe) in 1978, and her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 1983.

Patricia Bauman & The Hon. John Landrum Bryant



Patricia Bauman is President and Co-Director of the Bauman Foundation, which supports public policy and advocacy with particular emphasis on civic participation and election reform as well as environmental issues.

Ms. Bauman is on the Board of Directors of the Brennan Center for Justice. She is a Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Natural Resources Defense Council, and a member of the Board of Montefiore Medical Center. She is a graduate of Radcliffe College and the Columbia University School of

Public Health, and earned her J.D. degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

The Hon. John Landrum Bryant is a designer of jewelry, furniture, lighting and objects for the home and bath. A graduate of the University of Virginia and the Georgetown University Law Center, he is Co-Director of the Bauman Foundation. Earlier, he was President of the National Park Foundation.



Gail Furman

Dr. Gail Furman is a leading child and adolescent psychologist in Manhattan. Dr. Furman has been in private practice treating children, adolescents and their families for over 35 years. A frequent guest speaker at professional conferences worldwide, Dr. Furman serves on the executive boards of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, Human Rights First and the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. Dr. Furman is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is

an assistant clinical professor at New York University.

Dr. Furman was one of the founders of the Family Academy, a model experimental school in Harlem providing academic, social and mental health services for students and their families. The Family Academy was a comprehensive public/private partnership designed to create a "one-stop shopping" model. Dr. Furman has been instrumental in developing collaborations and innovative partnerships between schools, mental health service providers, law clinics, and programs that together provide more competent, comprehensive service to inner-city children and families.

Dr. Furman is a certified social worker, and earned her doctorate in psychology from New York University. She lives in New York City and is the mother of two grown sons, and a grandmother of five.



Brad S. Karp

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

Chair of the firm, Mr. Karp has extensive experience handling and trying a broad range of matters, with particular emphasis defending financial institutions and corporations in “bet the company” litigation as well as proceedings before the SEC, the Department of Justice, Congress and state regulatory authorities. Prior to being named chair of Paul, Weiss, Mr. Karp co-chaired the firm’s Litigation Department.

Mr. Karp has achieved national prominence as both a litigator and corporate adviser. He has been profiled as one of the leading lawyers in the United States by publications including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *Crain’s*, among others.

Currently, Mr. Karp is lead counsel for Citigroup in numerous matters, and for JPMorgan/Bear Stearns in the litigations and regulatory matters arising out of Bear Stearns’ March 2008 collapse. Additionally, Mr. Karp was recently retained by Bank of America in connection with the litigations and regulatory matters arising out of its 2008 merger with Merrill Lynch.

Active in the community, Mr. Karp is a director of the Legal Action Center, a trustee of the Riverdale Country School, a partner of The Partnership for New York City, a director of Practicing Attorneys for Law Students Program, Inc., a director of American Friends of The Hebrew University, and a fellow of the New York Bar Foundation, among other affiliations. Recently, Mr. Karp was awarded the Torch of Learning Award by the American Friends of Hebrew University and The Arthur Liman Public Interest Award by the Legal Action Center.

Mr. Karp graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1984.



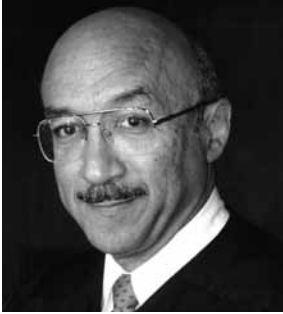
Soledad O'Brien

Soledad O'Brien is an anchor and special correspondent for CNN/U.S. Since joining the network in 2003, O'Brien has reported breaking news from around the globe and has produced award-winning and record-breaking documentaries on the most important stories facing the world today. She also covers political news as part of CNN's "Best Political Team on Television."

O'Brien's most recent documentary project, *Latino in America*, focused on Latinos living in this country, how they are reshaping America and how America is reshaping them. Earlier this year, O'Brien reported for *Black in America 2*, focused on successful community leaders who are improving the lives of African-Americans. She has also reported for the CNN documentary *Words That Changed a Nation*, featuring a never-before-seen look at Dr. King's private writings and notes, and investigated his assassination in *Eyewitness to Murder: The King Assassination*. Her *Children of the Storm* project and *One Crime at a Time* documentary demonstrate O'Brien's continued commitment to covering stories out of New Orleans.

O'Brien joined CNN in July 2003 as the co-anchor of the network's flagship program, *American Morning*, and distinguished herself by reporting from the scene on the transformational stories that broke on her watch. O'Brien was part of the coverage teams that earned CNN a George Foster Peabody award for its Katrina coverage and an Alfred I. duPont Award for its coverage of the tsunami. Her numerous other awards include a Gracie Allen Award in 2007 for her reporting from Cyprus on the Israeli-Hezbollah conflict and from the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. The NAACP honored her with its President's Award in 2007, and in 2008, she was the first recipient of the Soledad O'Brien Freedom's Voice Award from the Morehouse School of Medicine. Also in 2008, O'Brien was the first recipient of The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Goodermote Humanitarian Award for her efforts while reporting on the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina and the Southeast Asia tsunami.

O'Brien is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. She is a graduate of Harvard University.



The Honorable Harry T. Edwards

Senior Circuit Judge, Chief Judge Emeritus, United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Visiting Professor of Law, NYU Law School

Judge Edwards was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1980, and served as Chief Judge from 1994–2001. He graduated from Cornell University in 1962 and Michigan Law with honors in 1965. He practiced in Chicago with Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson from 1965–1970. He was a tenured member of the

faculties at Michigan Law, where he taught from 1970–1975 and 1977–1980, and at Harvard Law School, where he taught from 1975–1977. He also taught at the Harvard Institute for Educational Management between 1976–1982. He served as a member and then Chairman of the Board of Directors of AMTRAK from 1978–1980, and also served as a neutral labor arbitrator during the 1970s. In 2006, Judge Edwards was appointed Co-Chair of the Forensics Science Committee at the National Academy of Sciences. The Committee issued a seminal report in February 2009 calling for major reforms in the forensic science community. Judge Edwards has co-authored five books and published scores of law review articles. His most recent book is Edwards & Elliott, *Federal Standards of Review*, published in 2007. His article, *The Growing Disjunction Between Legal Education and the Legal Profession*, 91 Mich. L. Rev. 401 (1992), has been the source of extensive comment, discussion, and debate among legal scholars and practitioners in the United States and abroad. And, in 2004, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, Judge Edwards authored *The Journey from Brown v. Board of Education to Grutter v. Bollinger: From Racial Assimilation to Diversity*, 102 Mich. L. Rev. 944 (2004), in which he draws on his own personal and professional experiences to reflect on racial equality and inequality in America over the past 50 years and ponders the consequences of the shift from racial assimilation to diversity as a means of achieving racial equality. Since joining the court, he has taught law at Harvard, Michigan, Duke, Pennsylvania, Georgetown, and NYU School of Law, where he has taught since 1990 and is now a Visiting Professor of Law.

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James E. Johnson

Chair

James E. Johnson is Chair of the Brennan Center and a Partner at Debevoise & Plimpton representing individuals and corporations in connection with a wide variety of regulatory, enforcement and Congressional matters. He has also been co-counsel in several of the Brennan Center's high profile voting cases. He served as Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, prior to which he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Johnson was appointed chairman of the New Jersey Advisory Committee on Police Standards by Governor Corzine in August 2006. His Committee's recommendations have been codified in a pathbreaking law: The Law Enforcement Professional Standards Act of 2009. In August 2009, he was appointed monitor to oversee the consent decree intended to promote fair and affordable housing in Westchester. Mr. Johnson clerked for the Hon. Robert E. Keeton, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. He received his J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School and received his A.B. *cum laude* from Harvard College.



Michael Waldman

Executive Director

Michael Waldman is Executive Director of the Brennan Center. Mr. Waldman was Director of Speechwriting for President Clinton from 1995–99, serving as Assistant to the President. He wrote or edited nearly 2,000 speeches, including four State of the Union and two Inaugural Addresses. Previously, he was Special Assistant to the President for Policy Coordination (1993–95). Mr. Waldman was the top administration policy aide working on campaign finance reform, one of the Center's signature issues. He is author or editor of five books on public policy, law and history, including *A Return to Common Sense* (Sourcebooks, 2008). Previously, he was the director of Public Citizen's Congress Watch, a full faculty member at Harvard's JFK School of Government, and an attorney in private practice.

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2008

Jay S. Fishman, for his commitment to community, fair and reasoned public policy and thoughtful leadership

Lewis B. Cullman, for his dedication to democracy and enlightened philanthropy

Representative Donna F. Edwards, for her career as a champion of the public interest

2007

Neal S. Wolin, for his vision and leadership in the public and private sectors

Representative John Conyers, Jr., for his relentless commitment to justice and the right to vote

Frederick A.O. Schwarz, Jr., for his lifelong dedication to democracy and the public good

2006

Representative John Lewis, for his lifelong championship of civil rights

Richard Cotton, for his commitment to First Amendment rights

2005

Daniel Vasella, M.D., for his leadership on human rights, caring for patients, and his commitment to social responsibility

Anna Deavere Smith, for using the power of theater to examine social issues

Bertha Lewis, for her success in empowering low- and moderate-income families

2004

Michael S. Helfer, for his commitment to accessible legal services for the poor

Antonia Hernández, for her dedication to the fight to protect and expand civil rights

Representative José E. Serrano, for his work to enhance legal services for low-income families

2003

Bill Cosby, for his philanthropy and for devoting his talent to the universal struggle for social justice

Elaine R. Jones, for her commitment to equality and her efforts to secure and protect the rights of people of color

Marty Lipton, for his generosity to educational and cultural institutions to benefit equality and human dignity

2002

Geoffrey Canada, for his relentless advocacy and organizing in support of poor children and families

Martin Sheen, for his activism on behalf of poor and working families

UBS PaineWebber, Inc., accepted by Theodore A. Levine for its commitment to underserved communities

2001

Warren Beatty, for educating the public about the importance of clean elections and campaign finance reform

Senator John McCain, for his role in promoting and passing federal campaign finance reform

Deval L. Patrick, for his unyielding efforts to secure the civil rights of all Americans

Robert E. Rubin, for his humanitarian work to improve the plight of the urban poor

ABOUT THE BRENNAN CENTER

The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law is a non-partisan public policy and law institute that focuses on fundamental issues of democracy and justice. We were founded by the clerks and family of the late Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Our work ranges from voting rights to redistricting reform, from access to the courts 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.

America faces critical challenges. To spur lasting change, we must go beyond discrete government policies, no matter how vital. Urgently, we must renew our democracy, restore the rule of law and reform government so it reflects all the people. In 2008, the Brennan Center protected the voting rights of 500,000 Americans. *The Boston Globe* calls us “indispensable.” Now we are fighting for a new generation of innovative reforms.

Bold voting reform. Our plan for voter registration modernization would add 65 million to the rolls—permanently. Sen. Schumer has pledged to pass a measure this Congress. In the states, we chaired the historic Ohio Elections Summit. Our reforms—including automatic registration—are moving through the legislature.

Fighting for justice: the foreclosure crisis. Up to 6 in 10 facing foreclosure lack a lawyer. A solution: President Obama and the Senate now back our drive to revitalize the Legal Services Corporation.

Independent courts. *The New York Times* praised our “sweeping empirical study” of Justice Sotomayor’s constitutional record. Cited by GOP and Democratic lawmakers during the confirmation hearing, it stripped away the partisan sloganeering from the discussion of “original intent.”

Defending public campaign financing. Our legal team defends Connecticut's campaign reform law. Our scholars urged the Supreme Court to retain curbs on corporate election spending. And we are taking the lead in identifying new legal theories in the long drive to separate money and politics.

Restoring checks and balances. Former JFK Special Counsel Ted Sorensen, former Rep. Mickey Edwards (R-OK) and Rep. Brad Miller (D-NC) convened to release our proposal to curb executive privilege.

Seeking racial justice in criminal law. Our Community Oriented Public Defender network seeks solutions on racial profiling and other issues. Our report on racial disparities spurred the Justice Integrity Act introduced by Sen. Cardin and Rep. Cohen.

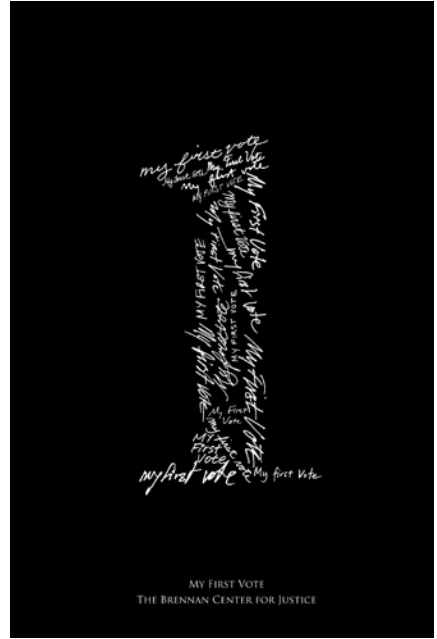
Battling judicial corruption. We organized myriad "strange bedfellows" to persuade the U.S. Supreme Court to order recusal of a judge who wanted to rule on his major campaign contributor's case (*Caperton v. Massey*).

Securing the rule of law. We represented the last "enemy combatant" being held in the U.S. without trial; the new Obama administration instead charged him with crimes in federal court, a major victory for the Constitution. (*Al-Marri*)

Still "dysfunctional," but... During the chaos in Albany, the Senate passed rules changes proposed by the Brennan Center to open the system and make it easier for lawmakers to bring bills for a vote.

My First Vote, published by the Brennan Center, is a compilation of stories from people across the country who voted for the first time in November 2008 after having lost, and then regained, their right to vote following a criminal conviction.

These excerpts represent a small sample of the Americans who have returned to their communities, and to the polls, as full citizens. They show the real difference that voting makes in people's lives.



LINDA STEELE
New York, New York

I've been battling substance abuse for thirty years and have been in and out of prison all of my life. But I've been out, and clean, for more than four years. My life has completely changed. And on November 4th, with millions of Americans, I had a say about what happens in our country. There were tears in my eyes as I waited to vote.

I felt like I was finally a productive member of society. I've never before felt like I could make a difference in terms of what happens around me. But I walked out of the polling place on Election Day feeling like I mattered, that I made a difference. I realized how far I've come. Amazing.

MY FIRST VOTE

KOREN CARBUCCIA

Pawtucket, Rhode Island

If there is one thing that shouldn't be taken from someone—ever—it is voting. Isn't the point of the criminal justice system to return responsible, law abiding citizens back into their communities? Voting is a way of being a responsible, law abiding citizen. Voting should be something everyone has to do.

I was a volunteer at the Rhode Island Family Life Center when someone suggested working to change existing laws so people like me, on probation and parole, could vote after incarceration. Working with people who were doing the right thing, believing in something real, made me realize even we have the ability to change and be part of something constructive. To be honest, I think just to be excited about something positive was an important start for many of us. The biggest impact of the campaign was my son's excitement when he found out "we won," as he still says. Our real success came in November 2008. I, with my son in hand, walked into the polling place and voted. He had been counting the days to November 4th like it was his birthday!



LEROY CLARK

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

I dropped out of school, joined the army and went to war. I went back to school when I left the army but got into a lot of messes. I got caught up in drugs, dropped out and became a street person. It all caught up with me and I ended up in prison. I was angry at the world. I had no desire to vote. I felt like if no one was going to help me, why should I do anything for them?



As I got older, I realized I needed to be a part of the solution, not the problem. I saw a flyer on how to get your rights restored and decided to fight to get my right to vote back. When you can't do anything, you create a person who doesn't have a character anymore. But once you vote, you change that. I have a voice again.

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