

BRENNAN LEGACY  
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# PROGRAM

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Tuesday, November 15, 2011

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## Welcome

Michael Waldman

*Executive Director*

## Brennan Legacy Award Presentation

Jane C. Sherburne

Michael Waldman

*Presenter*

## Announcement of James E. Johnson Legal Intern Fund

Patricia Bauman

*Co-Chair, Board of Directors*

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## Brennan Legacy Award Presentation

Robert M. Morgenthau

Lawrence B. Pedowitz

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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 advance the goal of what Justice Brennan called “common human dignity.”

Tonight we are privileged to honor two exceptional leaders: Robert M. Morgenthau, for his steadfast service as District Attorney of New York County and his lifelong commitment to the public good, and Jane C. Sherburne, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel of BNY Mellon, for her extraordinary leadership in the legal community and dedication to public service. We thank them, our Dinner Co-Chairs and all our supporters, pro-bono partners, and colleagues who are with us here tonight. We could not do our work without your help and support.

The Brennan Center strives to make real the promise of our democracy through fact-based research and hard-hitting advocacy work. As we approach the 2012 election, battles are underway to determine who can participate and whose voices will be heard. Partisan majorities in state capitals seek to change the voting landscape by slicing away portions of the electorate, including students and minorities; once-a-decade redistricting changes are opaque and politically-driven; and sharp increases in special interest spending threaten judicial independence and fair courts.

Amidst the anger, shouting and the political rancor, the Brennan Center for Justice is working to turn this time of crisis into an opportunity for renewal and reform, through non-partisan efforts to protect the core rights of ordinary citizens and to assure that their voices are heard. We're gratified that you are a part of these efforts. Thank you, again, for joining us tonight and 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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## Robert M. Morgenthau

Robert M. Morgenthau was born in 1919 in New York City. In June 1940, while still an undergraduate at Amherst College, he enlisted in the United States Navy's v-7 program. Upon his graduation in 1941, Mr. Morgenthau joined the Navy and on December 7, 1941, he was an ensign on a destroyer in Boston Harbor. He served throughout World War II aboard destroyers, in the North Atlantic, the South Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and the Pacific Theater, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Mr. Morgenthau was the Executive Officer and Navigator aboard the USS *Lansdale* when that ship was torpedoed and sunk by German aircraft while protecting a convoy. He was then the Executive Officer and Navigator on a new destroyer assigned to support the Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions. That ship, the USS *Harry F. Bauer*, was torpedoed and was hit by a Kamikaze carrying a 550 pound bomb that failed to explode. The ship's crew received a Presidential Unit Citation for its conduct during the Okinawa campaign.

After the war Mr. Morgenthau attended the Yale Law School. He entered private practice in Manhattan, working for Robert P. Patterson, a former Judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1961 he was appointed by President Kennedy to the position of United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York and continued in that role until 1970. Mr. Morgenthau successfully ran for District Attorney of New York County in November, 1974.

Mr. Morgenthau was District Attorney from 1975 through 2009, and was the longest serving incumbent of that position. In his nine terms in office, his staff conducted about 3.5 million criminal prosecutions. During that period, homicides in Manhattan were reduced by over 90%. Mr. Morgenthau vigorously prosecuted white collar criminals as well, becoming the nation's leading proponent of the enforcement of state law to combat "crime in the suites."

Mr. Morgenthau serves as the Chairman of New York City's Police Athletic League and as Chairman of the Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. He lives in Manhattan and on a farm in Dutchess County with two of his seven children and with his wife, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Lucinda Franks.

Since January, 2010, Mr. Morgenthau is Of Counsel in the law firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

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### **Jane Sherburne**

Jane Sherburne became Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Bank of New York Mellon in May 2010 after practicing law as the principal in her own firm. Until January 2009, she served as Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Wachovia Corporation, assisting the company in confronting the challenges of the financial crisis.

Prior to joining Wachovia in June 2008, Ms. Sherburne served in various capacities at Citigroup, her last post being General Counsel of Citi's Global Consumer Group, with responsibility for a global legal department with over 800 employees world-wide. Before joining Citigroup in 2001, Ms. Sherburne had been a partner at the Washington law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, specializing in litigation, crisis management and congressional investigations. She interrupted her practice at Wilmer from 1994 to 1997 to serve as Special Counsel to President Clinton with responsibility for managing investigations into ethics matters by Congress and the Independent Counsel.

Ms. Sherburne is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Georgetown University Law Center. In July 2010 she was appointed by President Obama to serve on the 10-member Advisory Council of the non-partisan Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS). She serves on the Boards of the National Women's Law Center, The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, New York Legal Aid Society and is a member of the New York City Bar Executive Committee.

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### **Patricia Bauman & The Hon. John Landrum Bryant**

Patricia Bauman is President 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 Co-Chair of 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 JD 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.



### **Michael Feldberg & Ruth Lazarus**

Michael is head of the U.S. litigation practice at Allen & Overy LLP. Michael is a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and has experience

litigating and trying cases in a wide variety of areas, with a special emphasis on the defense of federal criminal and regulatory cases as well as federal civil litigation. He is a Trustee of the 92d Street Y and of Facing History and Ourselves. Michael and his wife Ruth Lazarus live in New York City.

Ruth Lazarus has sat on the Brennan Center Board for 11 years. She is a professional volunteer, working primarily with her Therapy Dog Coop. Michael and Ruth have three children: Rachel, a New York City public school teacher; Jesse, who teaches pre-school in New York; and Ben, a senior in college; and one grandchild, Anabelle Eve, daughter of Rachel and her husband Jimmy Levin.



### **Reid M. Figel**

Reid M. Figel is an experienced trial lawyer and litigator at Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel, P.L.L.C. He represents corporations, financial institutions, and individuals in federal and state criminal and regulatory matters, and in complex financial litigation. His practice centers on securities, banking, and antitrust law enforcement; Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; internal corporate investigations; administrative law; and complex civil litigation. Prior to joining Kellogg Huber, Mr. Figel was Chief (1995–1998) and Deputy Chief (1993–1995) of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Unit at the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. During his years as a federal prosecutor, he was twice given the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service, as well as the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Stanley Sporkin Award. He received his B.A., cum laude and with Honors from Middlebury College in 1978, and was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship. He graduated from the New York University School of Law in 1982, where he served on the Law Review. He clerked for Judge George C. Pratt, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and Chief Judge James R. Browning, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Bishop John J. Walker School for Boys. He is a frequent speaker at conferences, and has been a guest lecturer at New York University School of Law, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Georgetown Law School, and Fordham Law School.



### **Dr. Gail Furman**

Dr. Gail Furman is a child and adolescent psychologist. She has worked as a school psychologist at the Dalton and Fieldston schools and founded one of the first inner-city full service alternative schools in Harlem. She is involved in a wide range of civic and professional activities. She served on the Board of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children from 1994–2011, and participated in fact finding missions to explore children’s programs in Angola, Rwanda, Uganda, Kosovo and the Thai/Burma border. Dr. Furman also serves on the boards of the Brennan Center for Justice at the

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NYU Law School, Human Rights First, and Auburn Seminary, particularly working with the Face to Face/Faith to Faith Program that fosters conflict resolution for youth in the Middle East. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and very active politically.



### **Brad S. Karp**

Brad S. Karp is Chair of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where he previously chaired the firm's Litigation Department. Mr. Karp has achieved national prominence as both a litigator and corporate adviser. Mr. Karp has extensive experience defending financial institutions and other companies in "bet the company" litigations and regulatory matters. Mr. Karp has been profiled as one of the leading lawyers in the United States

by The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Financial Times, Crain's, The American Lawyer, The Lawyer (U.K.), The National Law Journal, Chambers, Lawdragon, Best Lawyers in America, Legal 500, Euromoney Institutional Investors, Law360, and Benchmark/Institutional Investor.

Mr. Karp is a frequent lecturer and writer, having spoken at more than 300 conferences and published more than 350 articles on business litigation and securities law issues. Mr. Karp is active in the community, serving as a director/trustee of numerous educational, public interest and charitable organizations. Mr. Karp graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1984. From 1984 to 1985, Mr. Karp served as a law clerk to the Honorable Irving R. Kaufman, former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Mr. Karp has been a litigator at Paul, Weiss since 1985.



### **Jason Kravitt**

Jason Kravitt is the former chairman of Mayer Brown and founder and current co-head of the firm's securitization practice. He has helped the firm's clients create some of the most significant securitization products used in the capital markets today. Co-Founder of the Securitization Industry's preeminent trade association, the American Securitization Forum, Jason

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was chosen by the Financial Times as one of the 10 most innovative lawyers in America in 2010. Jason is currently best known for three achievements: he was one of the lawyers chosen to help lead the proposed \$100 billion rescue of SVS by means of an SPV called Liquidity Enhancement Conduit, or “M-LEC”; he represented Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, in the proposed precedent setting \$8.5 billion settlement with Bank of America concerning RMBS issues; and he represented Citigroup and Morgan Stanley in the structuring of Straight-A Funding LLC, the \$60 billion conduit to help rescue the financing of student loans. He is regularly ranked as a leading lawyer in the industry by legal directories. Chambers USA 2011 describes him as “one of the godfathers of securitization,” while the 2010 edition describes him as “an incredible legal strategist and a fantastic leader.”



### **Matthew Ingber**

Matthew Ingber is a litigation partner at Mayer Brown, specializing in complex commercial and securities matters. His practice ranges from civil and criminal securities fraud actions to financial services litigation and internal corporate investigations. Matt also has an active pro bono practice, having represented, among others, the NAACP in corporate governance matters and individuals in asylum and civil rights actions. He is a member of the

Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society, a member of the Pro Bono Advisory Council for New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, and the head of Mayer Brown’s pro bono practice in New York. Matt writes a bi-weekly litigation column for Inside Counsel online, covering issues relating to, among other things, workplace privacy in the digital age, electronic discovery, Dodd-Frank, and recent developments in securities litigation, the FCPA, the UK Bribery Act, and bankruptcy litigation. Matt is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the George Washington University Law School, and lives in New York City with his wife and two daughters.



### **Lawrence B. Pedowitz**

Larry Pedowitz is a Co-Chair of the Brennan Center and partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, where he heads the white collar and regulatory practice group.

Larry received a B.A. from Union College, and currently serves as a Trustee of the College and Counsel to its Board. He received a J.D. from New York University Law School, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Law Review*.

Larry was a law clerk to Second Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Henry J. Friendly and to Justice Brennan. He also served as Chief Appellate Attorney and as Chief of the Criminal Division in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. He was appointed by the Federal District Court to serve for seven years as the Monitor of the Mason Tenders Union.

Larry has taught Trial Practice at New York University Law School and served as Chair of several committees of the Bar of the City of New York, including: the Criminal Law and Federal Courts Committees. He has also served as a Vice Chairman and Director of the Legal Aid Society, and was a co-founder of New York Law Firms for the Homeless, which was a financial support organization for the New York Coalition for the Homeless.



### **William J. Perlstein**

William J. Perlstein is co-managing partner of WilmerHale and a partner in the Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice Group located in the firm's New York and Washington, D.C. offices. He joined the firm in 1975 and became one of the firm's managing partners in 1998.

Mr. Perlstein is a Fellow and Counsel to the American College of Bankruptcy, a past member of the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute, and a member of the American Law Institute. He regularly speaks on panels concerning law firm management issues. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program of DC and is a member of the Union College Presidents Council.



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Mr. Perlstein was recognized as a Visionary in the Legal Times' "Greatest Washington Lawyers in the Past 30 Years," ranked as a Washington DC leader in the area of bankruptcy and restructuring in each edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business since 2005, and consistently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America, in the areas of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights.

Mr. Perlstein is a graduate of Union College summa cum laude, attended the London School of Economics, graduated from Yale Law School, where he was managing editor of the Yale Law Journal, and served as a law clerk for the Honorable Marvin E. Frankel on the Southern District of New York.



### **Lee S. Richards III**

Lee S. Richards III is experienced in trial work and securities, regulatory, banking, white-collar criminal and commercial litigation, and internal investigations. He received his B.A., summa cum laude, from Amherst College in 1972, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 1975, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a Parkhurst Fellow. Mr. Richards was a law clerk to the Honorable Milton Pollack, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, from 1975 to 1976. From 1977 to 1983 Mr. Richards was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Richards is a former Adjunct Assistant Professor at Fordham Law School, Chairman of the American Bar Association's Subcommittee on Criminal Aspects of the Securities Laws, President Emeritus of the Federal Bar Council Inn of Court, a member of the Federal Bar Council Board of Directors, a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Brennan Center for Justice.



### **Jonathan Schiller**

Jonathan Schiller is a co-founder and a Managing Partner of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. He concentrates on complex litigation and international arbitration. He has represented United States, French, Dutch, German, Kuwaiti, and Russian corporations against foreign sovereigns and companies in complex commercial disputes.

He was recently cited by Lawdragon as one of their “500 Leading Lawyers in America” for the sixth consecutive year. Chambers and Partners, the world-renowned legal research organization that publishes annual peer-reviewed evaluations of the world’s leading law firms and lawyers, recognized him in The US Legal 500 2010 Guide to the World’s Leading Lawyers as “one of the premier international arbitration attorneys in the world,” and “a seasoned practitioner with an impressive reputation.” He was also named “Litigator of the Week” by the American Lawyer earlier this year following Barclays’ successful trial defense against \$13 billion in claims sought by Lehman Brothers bankruptcy estates.

Mr. Schiller is a Trustee of Columbia University and a member of the Dean’s Council of Columbia Law School. He is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a member of the Milan Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Club of Arbitrators. Mr. Schiller is also a Board of Trustee member of the Supreme Court Historical Society in Washington DC. Mr. Schiller graduated from Columbia University (B.A. 1969) and Columbia Law School (J.D. 1973).

## PRESENTER

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**Michael Waldman**  
*Executive Director*

Michael Waldman joined the Brennan Center in 2005 after a distinguished career in public service and advocacy. 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 *My Fellow Americans* and *A Return to Common Sense*. He has served as the director of Public Citizen’s Congress Watch, a full faculty member at Harvard’s JFK School of Government, and a partner at the law firm Cuneo, Waldman & Gilbert LLP. Mr. Waldman appears frequently on television and radio to discuss public policy, the presidency and the law, and writes for publications including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Bloomberg*. He is a graduate of Columbia College (B.A., 1982) and NYU School of Law (J.D., 1987), where he was a member of the *Law Review*. He joined the Brennan Center in 2005.

## PAST HONOREES

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### 2010

**The Hon. Cory A. Booker**, for leadership in public service and commitment to open, accountable and just government

**Indra C. Nooyi**, for commitment to both public and corporate responsibility and to building a respectful and humane international business community

### 2009

**The Hon. Eric H. Holder, Jr.** for his commitment to public service, justice and the rule of law

**Nicole Seligman**, for her leadership in the legal community and abiding advocacy for civil liberties

### 2008

**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

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

### 2007

**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

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

### 2006

**Richard Cotton**, for his commitment to First Amendment rights

**Representative John Lewis**, for his lifelong championship of civil rights

### 2005

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

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

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

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## 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

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The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law is a leading nonpartisan force for democracy and justice. Part think tank, part advocacy group, we start with rigorous research. We craft innovative policies. And we fight for them—in Congress, the courts, and in the court of public opinion.

We were founded fifteen years ago by the family and clerks of Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., and are dedicated to his vision of “common human dignity.” Today, with a staff of 55 and dozens of students and pro bono lawyers, we have grown to become one of the country’s most effective and respected legal organizations. *The Boston Globe* calls us “indispensible.”

### **Protecting Voting Rights**

We lead the legal strategy to combat the rash of restrictive voting laws—including harsh photo ID and proof of citizenship requirements. In Texas, voters can’t use a student ID, but can use a gun permit. Florida’s new law has effectively shut down registration drives.

Our authoritative study showed that because of these new laws at least *five million* could find it harder to vote in 2012. Hardest hit: minorities, students, the elderly and the poor.

The report appeared as the lead story in *The New York Times*. *Rolling Stone* Magazine called us a “leading advocate for voting rights.”

### **Accountability After *Citizens United***

We lead the legal response to *Citizens United*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision fueling secret Super PAC election spending.

We defended Arizona’s Clean Elections program before the U.S. Supreme Court. The high Court narrowly struck down a provision of the law—but we persuaded the Justices to broadly uphold the constitutionality of public financing.

*Money, Politics, and the Constitution: Beyond Citizens United*—penned by the nation’s top First Amendment scholars and published by the Brennan Center—launches a jurisprudential movement that puts a self-governing democracy at the center of the Constitution.

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## Fighting for Justice

States have begun to rein in excessive criminal justice fees, which impose unfair debt on defendants and undermine successful reentry. Our advocacy prompted the chief judge in Tallahassee, Florida to cancel 8,000 bench warrants for overdue court costs, a Massachusetts panel to reject new inmate fees, and the Maryland legislature to reform its “parole supervision fee” policy.

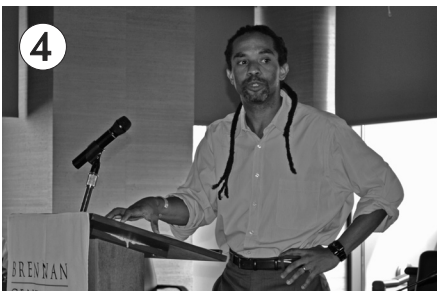
Justice is nearly impossible for millions of non-English speakers. Based on our study on the disturbing need for adequate translation services in state courts, Utah adopted a sweeping series of language access changes this spring.

In advance of Rep. Peter King’s (R-NY) hearings on the radicalization of American Muslims, we critiqued the way some law enforcement agencies seek to spot and deter “homegrown” terrorists and urged an evidence-based approach.

At a time when fair courts are under new threat, the American Bar Association urged states to adopt new judicial disqualification rules, based on our proposal. These procedures are central to promoting public confidence in the judiciary.

## Strategic Communications

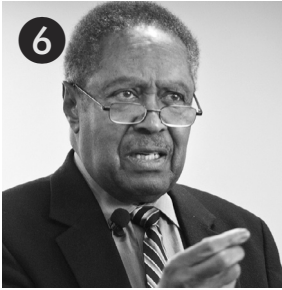
Brennan Center experts appeared before numerous Congressional committees and on dozens of television and radio shows, from ABC’s “Good Morning America” to Comedy Central’s “The Colbert Report.” We have been quoted thousands of times in major newspapers and magazines, including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Time*, and *Newsweek*.







1. Attorney General Eric Holder honored Brennan Center Justice Program Co-Director Laura Abel (center right) as a “Champion of Change” for her dedication to closing the justice gap in America.
2. President Obama’s chief counterterrorism advisor John O. Brennan delivered the keynote for our symposium on law enforcement’s new, post 9/11 charge: intelligence collection.
3. We launched the release of our policy proposal to curb abuse and needless secrecy in the executive branch at the National Press Club this fall with *New York Times* national security reporter Scott Shane, former Rep. Chris Shays (R-CT), President George W. Bush’s classification czar, J. William Leonard, and a member of President Obama’s advisory committee on classification, Jennifer Sims. Brennan Center Liberty and National Security Program Co-Director Liza Goitein (right).
4. Brennan Center Counsel Thomas Giovanni addresses the Community-Oriented Defender Network conference, a yearly convening of indigent defense reform advocates started by the Center.



5. To assess the ten year anniversary of 9/11, the Center sponsored a speech by Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano at NYU Law School on the nation’s response to terrorism.
6. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s speechwriter and lawyer, Clarence B. Jones, spoke to a group of NYC-based community leaders about the call to action inherent in the “I Have a Dream” speech and the civil rights movement more broadly.
7. Seventh Circuit Judge Richard Posner delivered our annual Brennan Center Jorde Symposium at the University of Chicago Law School.
8. Brennan Center Constitutional Fellow Monica Youn (center) with former Republican Senator Alan Simpson and Cleta Mitchell before a Senate panel on public financing.
9. Brennan Center Democracy Program Deputy Director Lawrence Norden testifies before a Committee on House Administration hearing on election administration problems in the 2010 elections.



# PRO BONO PARTNERSHIPS

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We are grateful for the work of our pro bono partners who fight alongside us for democracy, justice and the rule of law. Some highlights from this past year:

## *Al Falah Center v. Township of Bridgewater*

**Arnold & Porter LLP** is lead counsel in a federal lawsuit in New Jersey on behalf of Al Falah Center. It alleges that a new village zoning ordinance discriminates against the Muslim community, violating its rights under the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause. Attorneys include Partner Peter Zimroth and associates Bruce Kelley, Kerry Dziubek, and Erik Walsh.

## *AOSI v. USAID*

**Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP** helped with the Brennan Center's 2nd Circuit victory in this case challenging USAID's anti-prostitution pledge. **Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP** assisted with a FOIA request relating to this case.

## *Arizona Free Enterprise Club v. Bennett*

The Brennan Center, with pro bono partner **Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP**, represented the Arizona Clean Elections Institute before the U.S. Supreme Court to defend the state's public financing system. Brad Phillips argued the case. Other attorneys at Munger Tolles include Grant Davis-Denny and Elisabeth Neubauer. Seventeen amicus briefs were submitted in support of the law, including briefs drafted by **Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP** (led by Partner Alexis S. Coll-Very) and **Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP** (led by Partner and Brennan Center Board member Dan Kolb).

## *Conservative Party of New York State and Working Families Party v. New York State Board of Elections*

**Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady, LLP** partner Andy Celli and associate Zoe Salzman and **Cuti Hecker Wang LLP** partner Eric Hecker helped bring this case to satisfactory conclusion by consent decree, ensuring third parties in New York State have equitable access to the ballot.

## *Hurrell-Harring, et al. v. State of New York*

In partnership with **Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP** we authored an amicus brief signed by 62 former prosecutors arguing the state's legal services for the poor are

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constitutionally inadequate. Founding Partner Lee Richards recruited amici and shaped the brief.

***NAACP New York State Conference, et al. v. New York State Board of Elections, et al.***

Low-income and minority voters sued the state and city Boards of Elections in federal court to block a voting machine configuration that would lead to tens of thousands of lost votes. **Jenner & Block LLP** is our co-counsel; attorneys include Stephen L. Ascher, Michael Ross, Prashant Yerramalli, Eric P. Brown, Joshua A. Block, and Randall T. Adams.

***New York State Ethics Reform—The Public Integrity Reform Act of 2011***

**Kaye Scholer LLP** attorneys led by James Herschlein conducted a multi-state study of ethics oversight entities. The study served as invaluable background for policy recommendations incorporated into the new ethics law passed in May 2011.

***State of Florida v. United States of America***

Florida has gone to federal court seeking approval of its controversial new voting law, which restricts voter registration drives and cuts back on early voting. **Bryan Cave LLP**, the Brennan Center and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights represent the League of Women Voters of Florida and Democracia, seeking to intervene. Bryan Cave attorneys include partners Daniel C. Schwartz, Rodney F. Page, and Alec W. Farr, and associates Dan O'Connor and Ian Barlow.

***Wisconsin Right to Life PAC v. Michael Brennan***

**Sidley Austin LLP** was co-counsel with the Center and Stafford Rosenbaum LLP in defending Wisconsin's judicial elections public funding system, including filing an amicus brief in the Seventh Circuit on behalf of good government groups. Wisconsin later repealed public financing mooted the case. Attorneys at Sidley Austin include partner David Carpenter (a former law clerk to Justice Brennan) and associate Tacy F. Flint.

*At press time, two new lawsuits: **Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP** will be assisting with another challenge to Florida's voting legislation and **Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP** will be counsel to the Brennan Center in preparation of an amicus brief defending West Virginia's campaign finance disclosure laws.*

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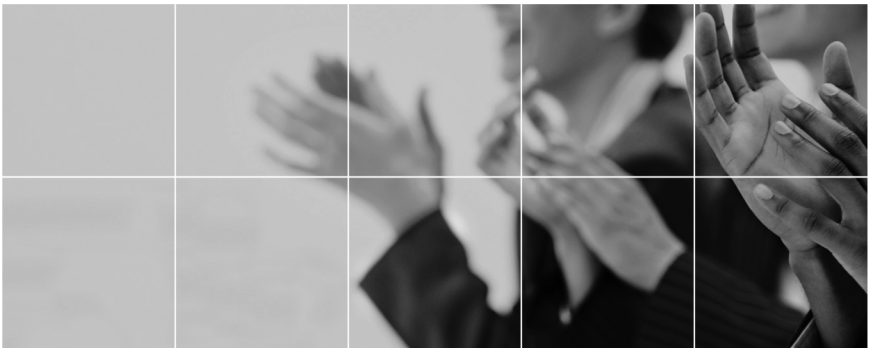
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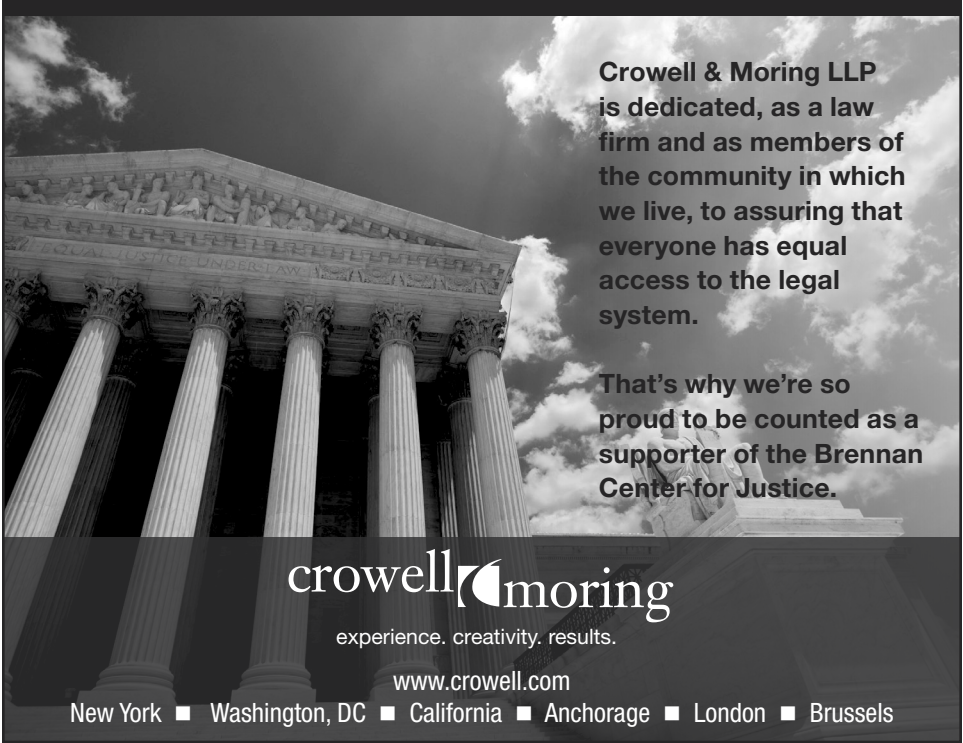
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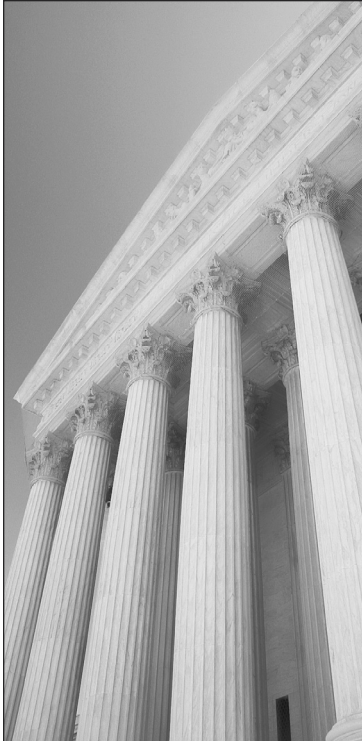
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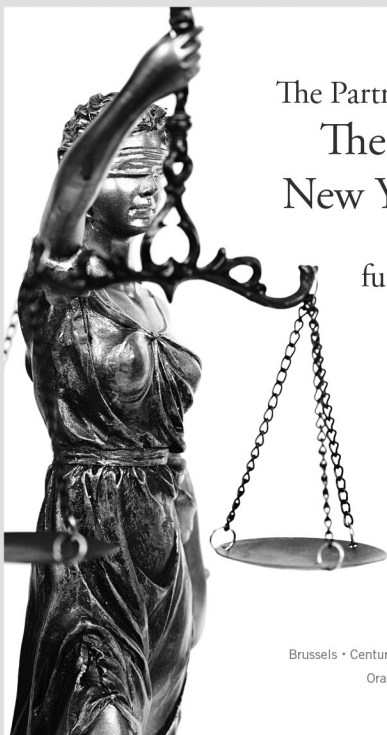
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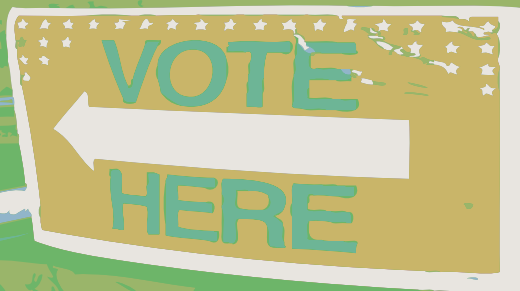
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