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WELCOME

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 individuals: Michael S. Solender, Americas Vice Chair and General Counsel of Ernst & Young LLP, for his extraordinary leadership in the legal community and strong commitment to public and community service; and the Honorable Judith S. Kaye, former Chief Judge of New York Court of Appeals and currently Of Counsel at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, in recognition of her pioneering judicial career and deep commitment to juvenile justice and to court reform and innovation. We thank them, our Dinner Co-Chairs and Committee, 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 for Justice at NYU School of Law stepped forward this past year to beat back a coordinated attack on voting rights. These laws would have had the biggest impact on the poor, the elderly, students and communities of color. Together with many of you, we and our allies achieved a remarkable string of victories. Restrictive voting laws were blocked or weakened in 14 states. Millions of voters found it easier to vote this Election Day thanks to our shared efforts.

This is a good example of how the Brennan Center works. Amidst the shouting and partisan rancor, we strive to make real the promise of our democracy through non-partisan, data-driven research, advocacy, communications, and litigation. Over the next year, we look forward to working with you to pursue new opportunities to reform our elections, reduce unnecessary incarceration, advance a long-term drive to overturn *Citizens United*, and ensure transparency and accountability in the government’s effort to promote national security.

We are gratified that you play such an important role in our work. Thank you, again, for joining us tonight and for your support of the Brennan Center for Justice.

Sincerely,



Michael Waldman

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The Honorable Judith S. Kaye

Judith S. Kaye joined Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom as Of Counsel in February 2009, focusing largely on arbitration and litigation. Before joining the firm, for more than 25 years she served in the New York State Judiciary, appointed in 1983 by Governor Mario Cuomo as an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals (New York State's high court) and then in 1993 appointed by Governor Cuomo as Chief Judge of the State of New York. She was the

first woman appointed to the Court, and served as Chief Judge for fifteen years.

Before appointment to the bench, Judge Kaye was associated with Sullivan & Cromwell, IBM, and Olwine, Connelly, Chase, O'Donnell & Weyher, where she became that firm's first female partner. Her practice was essentially in the area of commercial litigation, supplemented by bar association and pro bono activities. She is a graduate of New York University School of Law (cum laude) and Barnard College.

Judge Kaye gained a national reputation for both her groundbreaking decisions and her innovative reforms of the New York State court system. She wrote notable decisions on a wide array of constitutional, statutory and common law issues. As Chief Judge she also left her mark on New York's courts as a creative reformer, improving the jury system, establishing a Commercial Division of the State Supreme Court, bringing alternative dispute resolution into the court system in aid of litigation, streamlining procedures for permanency for children, and opening "problem-solving courts" to deal constructively with repeat offenders, offering services for drug treatment, mental health counseling and job training. She is the author of more than 200 publications, including articles on legal process, state constitutional law, women in law and professional ethics.

Her current Board service includes the American Arbitration Association, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Volunteers of Legal Services and the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. She is a former President of the Conference of Chief Justices and Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts.

She also has received numerous awards recognizing her judicial and scholarly accomplishments, such as the New York State Bar Association's Gold Medal, the ABA Justice Center's John Marshall Award, the National Center for State Courts' William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Adoption Excellence Award.

BRENNAN LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT



Michael S. Solender

Michael Solender is the Americas Vice Chair and General Counsel of Ernst & Young—the Big Four accounting and professional services firm—a position he has held since February 2009. He oversees a staff of more than 100 people and serves as legal advisor to senior leadership of the firm. Since 2008, he has been a Visiting Lecturer and Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School, where he has taught several courses. In 2012, he is teaching at Harvard Law

School as a Distinguished Visitor from Practice.

Before joining Ernst & Young, Mr. Solender was the General Counsel from 2004–08 of The Bear Stearns Companies Inc., the global financial services firm, where he supervised the 500-person Legal and Compliance Department and was legal advisor to senior management and the board of directors. He was Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of Washington Mutual, Inc., the nation's largest savings & loan, for several months in 2008. In 2007–08, he chaired the General Counsels Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Associations (SIFMA).

Prior to joining Bear Stearns in 2002, Mr. Solender was a partner at the Washington, D.C.-based law firm of Arnold & Porter, specializing in litigation and regulatory matters. He gained experience in courts around the nation and appeared before many federal government agencies. In 2000–01, Mr. Solender was the General Counsel of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)—the federal government agency charged with protecting the public from dangerous consumer products—where he received the Chairman's Award for distinguished service and participated in a number of matters that received national attention.

In 1989–90, Mr. Solender was a law clerk to Judge Leonard B. Sand of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. He graduated in 1989 from Yale Law School, where he was a Senior Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*, and from Columbia University, from which he received a B.A. summa cum laude in 1986 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He attended Oxford University (Lady Margaret Hall) in 1984–85.

Mr. Solender serves on the Board of Visitors of Columbia College; the Columbia Undergraduate Campaign Council; the Advisory Committee of the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law; the Executive Committee of the New York American Inn of Court; and the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts' Counsel's Council. From 2004–08, he served on the Board of Directors of the Lawyer's Alliance for New York, and from 2006–10, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Yale Law School Association. In 2005, he was the recipient of the Urban Justice Center's Community Service Award and was honored by the Boy Scouts of America. In 2007, he received the Stephen E. Banner Award of UJA-Federation of New York.

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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 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.



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 NYU School of Law, 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.



Dennis Orr

Dennis Orr is a partner in the New York office of Morrison & Foerster. He is a trial lawyer specializing in high-stakes complex commercial litigation. Mr. Orr has tried over 30 cases in his career, and, though he has principally served as a defense lawyer, he has won more than \$200 million in verdicts and awards in various proceedings around the United States. Mr. Orr handles complex litigation for corporate plaintiffs and

defendants in a wide range of industries, most notably the pharmaceutical, food and beverage, consumer product, accounting, and securities industries.

Mr. Orr's track record in a variety of settings—whether it's connecting with juries, deposing key witnesses, or negotiating a settlement—has been recognized by a variety of publications, including being named one of the nation's top trial lawyers by the *National Law Journal*. He's been called "an innovator, a thinker who does his homework" by *Chambers USA*, which names him one of the top lawyers in New York in both commercial litigation and antitrust.



Lawrence B. Pedowitz

Larry Pedowitz is a Co-Chair of the Brennan Center and partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, where he co-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 School of Law, 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.

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Larry has taught Trial Practice at New York University School of Law 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.



Miles Ruthberg

Miles Ruthberg is a partner in the New York office of Latham & Watkins LLP. He has been a member of the firm's Executive Committee, Global Chair of the firm's Litigation Department, and Chair of the Securities Litigation and Professional Liability Practice Group. He was recently named New York City's "Lawyer of the Year" in Securities Litigation by *Best Lawyers*, and has been recognized as an "extraordinary talent" and as

one of the nation's top securities litigators by *Chambers USA*. In recent years, he has won complete defense victories at trial on claims totaling more than US\$3 billion and obtained dismissal of numerous multi-billion dollar securities class actions. Mr. Ruthberg served as law clerk for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the US Supreme Court and for Judge Carl McGowan of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He serves on the Boards of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of New York and the Lawyers Alliance for New York. Mr. Ruthberg received his J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School and his BA summa cum laude from Yale, graduating first in his class.



Dan Webb

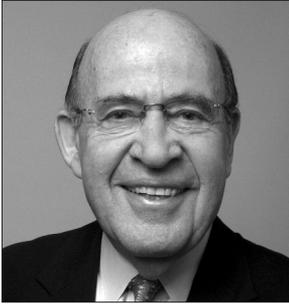
Dan Webb, a partner in Winston & Strawn LLP's litigation department, serves as firm chairman and is a member of the Executive Committee. His trial practice concentrates in the areas of major commercial, civil, regulatory, and white-collar criminal cases. He is routinely ranked as one of the top trial litigators nationwide.

Mr. Webb has tried more than 100 jury cases, including numerous successful complex commercial and white-collar criminal trials, representing, on several occasions, large corporations in jury trials lasting two months or longer. Mr. Webb joined Winston & Strawn in 1985 as a partner, after serving as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

Mr. Webb has spent his entire professional life as a courtroom trial attorney and litigator. He received international attention for his successful prosecution of retired Admiral John Poindexter in the Iran-Contra affair. As the U.S. Attorney in Chicago, he spearheaded the "Operation Greylord" investigations into judicial corruption in Cook County, Illinois.

Mr. Webb's corporate clients have included Abbott Laboratories; Alcoa; Altria Group, Inc.; American Airlines; Caremark International; Deloitte & Touche LLP; General Electric; Monsanto; and Research in Motion.

PRESENTERS



Robert Abrams

Robert Abrams served for 28 years in various elected positions including three terms in the New York State Assembly, three terms as Borough President of the Bronx, and four terms as Attorney General of the State of New York.

Mr. Abrams became a recognized leader among attorneys general in the nation. He served as President of the National Association of Attorneys General and chairman of its major committees. Mr. Abrams was selected by his colleagues as the outstanding attorney general in the nation receiving the coveted Wyman Award.

He also served as a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Special Commission on Campaign Finance Reform and as a member of the New York City Charter Review Commission appointed by Mayor Bloomberg. Governor Eliot Spitzer appointed him to be Co-Chair of his Government Reform Policy Advisory Committee, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo appointed him to serve as Chair of his Transition Committee and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman asked Bob to serve as honorary co-chair of his Transition Committee.

In 1997, the New York University School of Law established The Attorney General Robert Abrams Public Service Lecture Series in honor of Mr. Abrams' service to the people of New York. In 2009, Governor David Paterson issued an Executive Order renaming the Albany Justice Building as the Robert Abrams Building for Law and Justice.

Mr. Abrams has been a partner at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan since 1993.



Mario Cuomo

Mario Cuomo was the longest-serving Democratic governor in the modern history of New York State. He was elected New York State's 54th Governor in 1983 and twice won re-election, setting records for popularity in both contests. Beginning with his widely admired keynote address at the 1984 Democratic National Convention and his celebrated speech on the relationship of religion and politics at Notre Dame, he has helped define the progressive political landscape for two decades.

During his 12-year tenure, Governor Cuomo launched the largest economic development initiative in New York history, spurring private sector growth through billions of dollars of public investment in infrastructure enhancements and the creation of an unparalleled network of high-tech research facilities. During the exploding crises of crack cocaine, homelessness and AIDS, Governor Cuomo also enhanced New York's reputation as a leader in socially progressive legislation. He created the country's most extensive drug treatment network, its largest program of housing assistance for the homeless, a nationally recognized plan for AIDS prevention and treatment, and tough but constructive new approaches to criminal justice.

His record was defined by enlightened innovation, instituting first-in-the-nation laws on everything from seat belt use to acid rain controls; the state's first significant ethics laws for public officials; the law requiring the application of generally accepted accounting principles to the state's budget; and the first state statute requiring regular and independent audits of all executive agencies. Governor Cuomo also set a new standard for both diversity and judicial achievement on the state's highest court, appointing all seven members of New York's highly regarded Court of Appeals, including the first and second women judges, the first black, the first Hispanic, and the first woman to serve as Chief Judge.

The New York Times called his tenure "one of the most celebrated governorships in history."

Since leaving public office, Governor Cuomo has returned to the practice of law, as a Partner and now Of Counsel in the New York office of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and has engaged in a practice specializing in national and international corporate law.

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Nicole Austin-Hillery

As Director and Counsel of the Washington, D.C. office, Nicole Austin-Hillery serves as the Brennan Center's chief advocate on Capitol Hill—on everything from modernizing voter registration to criminal justice reform. She speaks regularly across the country. Her articles have been published in *The Hill*, *Washington Post's The Root*, and elsewhere. And she has appeared on numerous television and radio shows, including MSNBC's *Rachel Maddow Show* and CNN's *The Situation Room*.

Previously, Ms. Austin-Hillery practiced as a civil rights litigator and formerly served as the George N. Lindsay Civil Rights Fellow at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. She currently serves as a Board member of the Washington Bar Association and is past president of the Washington Council of Lawyers. She is a former Wasserstein Fellow at Harvard Law School, chosen for her contributions to public interest advocacy.



Michael Waldman

Michael Waldman is President of the Brennan Center for Justice. He 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*.

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2011

Robert M. Morgenthau, for unprecedented leadership as District Attorney and commitment to the public good
Jane C. Sherburne, for her extraordinary leadership in the legal community and commitment to public service

2010

The Hon. Cory A. Booker, for leadership in public service and commitment to accountable and just government
Indra C. Nooyi, for public and corporate responsibility and for building a humane 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

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 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 NYU School of Law is a leading nonpartisan force for democracy and justice. Part think tank, part advocacy group, part cutting edge communications hub, 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 in 1995 by the family and clerks of Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Today, with a staff of nearly 70 and dozens of students and pro bono lawyers, we have become one of the nation's most effective and respected legal organizations. Rachel Maddow described our work as “a great public service to the country.” And the *National Review* said we provided “a service by outlining the provisions of voter ID laws passed in 2011 and 2012 in a fairly neutral way.”

Protecting the Vote

In 2012, the Brennan Center played a central role in a great national struggle: to protect the right to vote.

Starting two years ago, 19 states passed 25 laws that curbed voting. Our blockbuster study showed that five million could find it far harder to vote. Massive media attention launched a national debate.

Then we went to court. Representing the League of Women Voters we successfully challenged Florida's law that made it impossible to register voters. We intervened to block harsh voter ID laws in South Carolina and Texas, and won. We worked with attorneys in states across the country to challenge restrictive laws.

The result: by Election Day, every single major new anti-voter statute had been blocked, blunted, delayed or repealed. Millions saw their vote saved. It was a remarkable victory for the public interest—led by the Brennan Center.

Crafting Electoral Reform

In his victory speech, President Obama described long voting lines, and declared, “We have to fix that.” The key reform: the Brennan Center's plan for Voter

Registration Modernization (VRM), which would require the government to register all eligible voters. VRM would add 50 million to the rolls, cost less, and curb fraud. It has been introduced by Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY).

Advancing Strategic Communications

Brennan Center experts were quoted thousands of times in major publications, including *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Time Magazine*, and *The Washington Post*. Appearing on the front page of these outlets more than a dozen times in 2012,

our work also led to dozens of editorials, more than 100 op-eds from our experts, and scores of national television appearances, from PBS's *NewsHour* to MSNBC's *Hardball* to CNN's *The Situation Room*. Our newsletters reach 10,000 people. And we undertook an extensive public opinion research project on attitudes toward voting. Over 300 organizations used our cutting edge "messaging" research—helping win victories in Colorado, Minnesota, and elsewhere.

Combating *Citizens United*

To counter the outsized role of big money in elections in 2012, we put public financing back on the map.

In New York, we worked with Governor Cuomo, who proposed a small donor matching funds system. The plan would curb the role of special interests in elections and give ordinary citizens the loudest voice. We convened business and civic leaders to urge bipartisan reform. Nationally, Reps. David Price (D-NC) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) introduced the "Empowering Citizens Act," based on our plan for small donor public matching funds in federal elections—the first proposal of its kind.

Ending Senate Dysfunction

The opening of the 113th Congress in January offers a rare chance to end the gridlock that is now the Senate. We lead policy work for a national coalition to reform filibuster abuse.

New Focus for Justice Program

Led by a new director, Inimai Chettiar, our Justice Program has launched a high energy drive for reform. A new strategic focus: documenting and redressing the vast dysfunctions in the criminal justice system that have led to unnecessary mass incarceration, yielding widespread economic and societal harms.

Increasing Accountability in Counter-Terrorism

The Center issued a proposal to create an Inspector General at the New York Police Department, to assure accountability in its massive counter-terrorism operation. Already, the CIA, FBI, LAPD and other enforcers gain from such oversight. The plan has won wide support.





1. Jeremy Travis, President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, introduced a panel on creating an independent inspector general for the NYPD, the subject of a Brennan Center proposal written by Liberty & National Security Co-Director Faiza Patel (center).

2. Seventh Circuit Judge Diane P. Wood delivered the Thomas M. Jorde Symposium lecture at NYU School of Law. She discussed how appeals court judges decide whether to write separately or together with other jurists when deciding cases. The Jorde Symposium was created in 1996 by Brennan Center Board Member Thomas M. Jorde to foster top-rate scholarly discourse from an array of perspectives.

3. Brennan Center President Michael Waldman (right) and Senior Counsel Keesha Gaskins appeared on PBS's *Moyers & Company* to discuss the recent threat to voting rights.

4. Brennan Center Chief Counsel Frederick A.O. Schwarz, Jr. (left) questioned Carl Colby about his documentary on his father, William Colby, the late CIA Director.

5. Mo Rocca (left) moderated a discussion on his new documentary, "Electoral Dysfunction." Also on the panel were (from right to left) *The New Yorker's* Hendrik Hertzberg, the Brennan Center's Lawrence Norden, author Victoria Bassetti, and the documentary's director, Bennett Singer.

6. American University Washington College of Law Professor Angela J. Davis (left) with Counsel Thomas Giovanni in a discussion about prosecutorial discretion.

7. Democracy Program Director Wendy Weiser (center) testified at a House Judiciary Committee hearing on voting laws.

8. Thomas Drake (right), a former National Security Agency official, spoke about the vital role whistleblowers play in our democracy by uncovering fraud. Pulitzer Prize winner Bart Gellman (left), a Brennan Center fellow, and Liberty & National Security Co-Director Elizabeth Goitein also joined the discussion.



PRO BONO PARTNERSHIPS

Our work depends on the support of our pro bono law firms, who fight alongside us for democracy, justice and the rule of law. A few 2012 highlights:

Diversity in higher education

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP drafted an amicus brief on behalf of the Brennan Center in this Supreme Court case that addresses the controversial issue of race as a factor in university and college admissions. Partners Steven S. Michaels and James E. Johnson, a Center board member, led this effort at the firm with help from Amanda Bloch. (*Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*)

Protecting voters in Colorado

Holland & Hart LLP partnered with the Brennan Center to represent Common Cause Colorado to ensure Colorado voters, especially those the state deemed “inactive,” were treated fairly in that state’s mail-in voting process. (*Gessler v. Johnson*)

Preserving voter registration in Florida

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP attorneys led by partners Robert Atkins and Alex Young K. Oh and counsel Farrah Berse helped wage this successful suit to overturn a law curbing community registration drives in Florida. A federal judge ruled that the restrictions violated the U.S. Constitution and federal law. The team now works to protect community voter registration before the Fifth Circuit. (*League of Women Voters of Florida v. Detzner*)

Defending NYC reform

Proskauer Rose LLP drafted an amicus brief on behalf of the Brennan Center and others to help defend NYC’s successful election public funding system from a challenge by perennial campaign finance opponent James Bopp. (*Ognibene v. Parks*)

Counting every vote in Ohio

Arnold & Porter LLP assisted the Center and others with an *amicus* brief urging the Sixth Circuit to block Ohio from discounting provisional ballots with technical deficiencies, especially due to poll-worker error. (*SEIU v. Husted*)

Helping block South Carolina voter ID

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, together with the Brennan Center and Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, represented intervenor-defendants to oppose South Carolina’s harsh new voter ID law. The state had sued to overturn DOJ’s decision blocking the law. The court postponed the new law’s effect until after the 2012

election. Partner Garrard R. Beeney led a team including Michael A. Cooper, Theodore A.B. McCombs, Alicia K. Amdur, Sean August Camoni, Peter Steciuk, and Taly Dvorkis. (*South Carolina v. Holder*)

Supporting early voting in Florida

The Center joined the Lawyer's Committee and pro bono partners at **Bryan Cave LLP** led by partner Alex W. Farr and associate Dan O'Connor to challenge Florida's new restrictions on early voting as racially discriminatory and impermissible under the Voting Rights Act. (*State of Florida v. United States*)

Victory over harsh voter ID in Texas

Dechert LLP partnered with the Center, Lawyers' Committee and others to represent the Texas NAACP and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC). The group intervened in federal court to successfully block implementation of the state's restrictive photo ID law before the 2012 election. Dechert's lawyers were led by partner Ezra D. Rosenberg. (*Texas v. Holder*)

Opposing abusive voter purge

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP has drafted two amicus briefs on behalf of the Center and the Florida League of Women Voters to bolster court challenges to Florida's system of purging voters from its voting rolls. Board member and Davis Polk partner Dan Kolb leads this effort. (*U.S. v. Florida*)

Urging campaign fund disclosure

Hogan Lovells US LLP drafted an amicus brief on behalf of the Center and others arguing that the FEC erred by allowing donors to independent expenditure committees to evade disclosure if they did not earmark their donations for a campaign. Hogan attorneys were led by partner Ira M. Feinberg, along with Chantell Taylor and Mary Helen Wimberly. (*Van Hollen v. FEC*)

A very special thank you to **Arnold & Porter LLP** and Peter Zimroth for their continued work on *Al Falah Center v. Township of Bridgewater*. Other pro bono firms include **K&L Gates LLP** (partner Howard Goldwasser and others), **Jenner & Block LLP**, **Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP**, and **Cuti Hecker Wang LLP**. New projects are coming in at press time; we will include your firms in our next newsletter.

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- December 2011—NY LEAD members meet with the Governor's top staff to express their support for comprehensive campaign finance reforms.
- January 2012—Gov. Cuomo urges public funding in his State of the State address.
- February 2012—public launch of NY LEAD at Albany press conference, with Sean Eldridge, Charlie Kolb, Scott Murphy, Fritz Schwarz, and Jane Sherburne. The launch leads to a front page *New York Times* story about NY LEAD.
- April 2012—The Committee for Economic Development hosts a dinner for CED trustees and NY LEAD members in Manhattan.
- February–June 2012—NY LEAD members Marc Weiss, Leo Hindery, Ed Koch, Sherry Boehlert, Scott Murphy, David Calone, Sean Coffey, Sean Eldridge, Fritz Schwarz and others author op-eds and make television appearances.
- October 2012—CED and the Brennan Center release the results of a Zogby Analytics poll of 300 New York State business leaders, 70% of whom said they would support major changes in the way elections are financed. NY LEAD members Wendy and John Neu host the media event; members Jonathan Rose, David Calone and Jane Sherburne contribute statements for the press materials.

For more information about NY LEAD, contact Kelly Williams, Corporate General Counsel at the Brennan Center, and secretary and primary organizer of NY LEAD.



NY LEAD joined the Committee for Economic Development for a dinner in April. Pictured here: Jane Sherburne, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel of BNY Mellon and Sean Eldridge, President, Hudson River Ventures.

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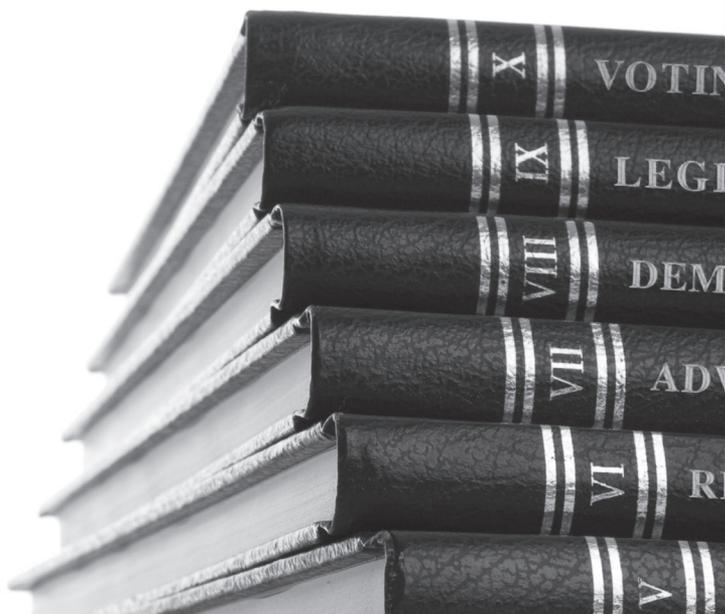
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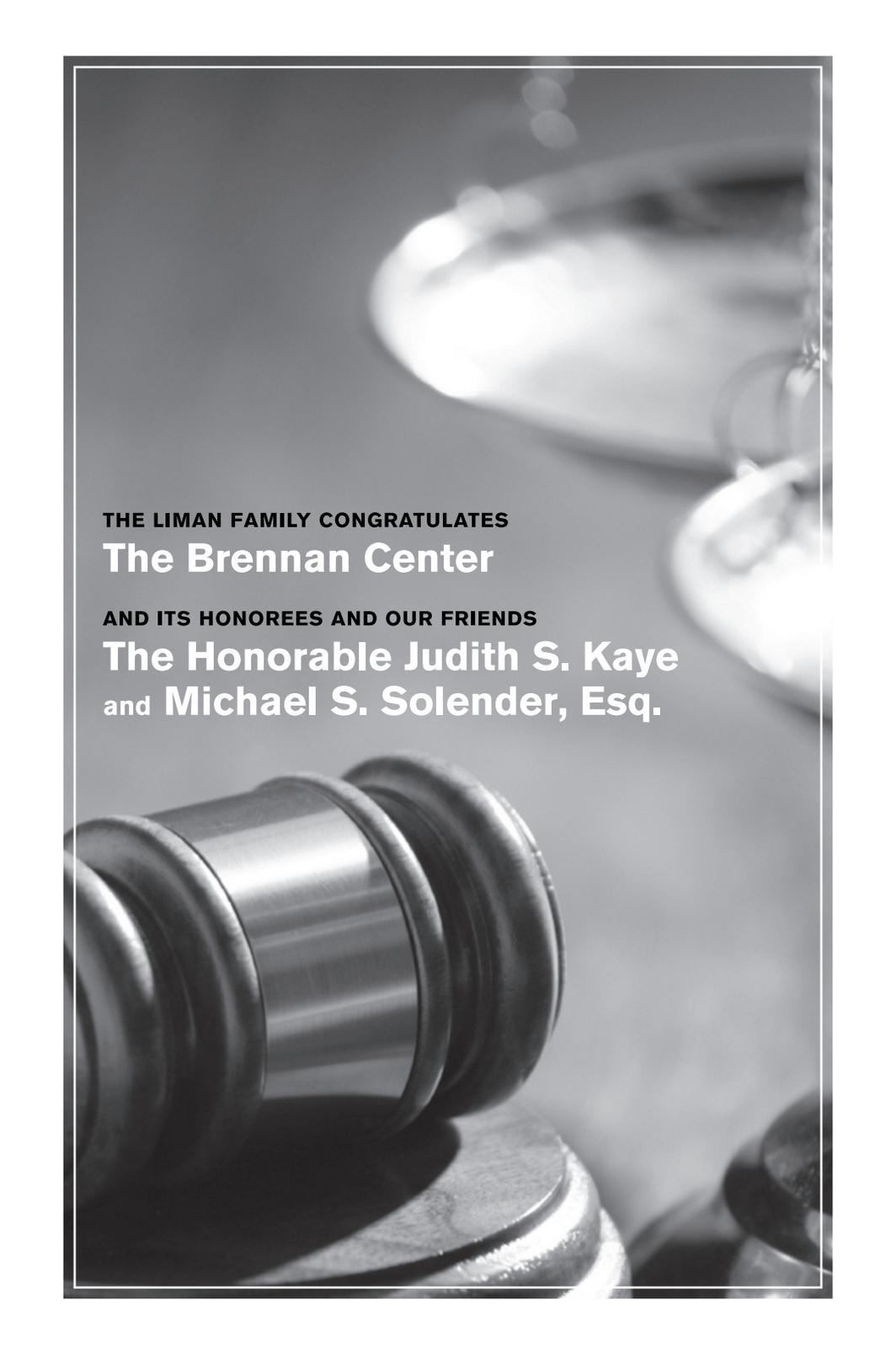


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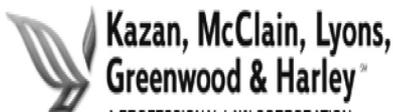
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