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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 three exceptional leaders: Sheri McCoy, Chief Executive Officer of Avon Products, Inc., for her commitment to human rights and community service; Bill Moyers, award-winning journalist, for his commitment to journalistic integrity and a vibrant democracy; and Bryan Stevenson, founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, for his pioneering accomplishments and commitment to criminal justice reform. Each of these honorees reminds us of the impact that individuals can have in the struggle to make our society more just, democratic, and humane. We thank them, our Dinner Co-Chairs and Committee, and all our supporters, pro bono partners, and colleagues who are here with us tonight. Your commitment and support make our work possible.

With Washington in the grip of partisan rancor, the state of our democracy has become a primary public concern. In partnership with many of you here tonight, the Brennan Center helps lead the charge to revitalize our democratic institutions. In 2013, we advanced voting reforms that will make it easier to vote, including a new expansive registration law enacted in Colorado. Working with a broad coalition of reformers and business leaders, we came within one vote of passing small donor public financing in New York. The Center’s proposal for an Inspector General at the New York Police Department was enacted this year to ensure accountability in its massive counter-terrorism operation.

These are good examples of how the Brennan Center works. We strive to make real the promise of our democracy through nonpartisan, empirical research, advocacy, communications, and litigation. Over the next year, we look forward to working with you to fight off renewed efforts to suppress voting in the wake of the Supreme Court’s Shelby County ruling, reduce mass incarceration, advance a long-term drive to overturn Citizens United, and ensure transparency and accountability in the government’s effort to promote national security.

In a long American tradition, we work together to hold up our public institutions in light of the national values of democracy, justice, civic equality, and the rule of law. Thank you for your support of and work with the Brennan Center. Have a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

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Sheri McCoy is Chief Executive Officer and a director of Avon Products, Inc., a company that has empowered and inspired women for more than 125 years. She is responsible for driving new long-term growth initiatives, developing earnings opportunities for women and advancing Avon as the world’s premier direct seller of quality beauty products.

Ms. McCoy joined Avon after a distinguished 30-year career at Johnson & Johnson, most recently serving as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, responsible for the Pharmaceutical and Consumer business segments that represented more than 60 percent of the company’s revenues.

As the worldwide chairman of the Pharmaceuticals Group, Ms. McCoy led the organization through a major restructuring and integration effort that strengthened the product pipeline, boosted innovation and significantly improved operating efficiencies.

As the head of Johnson & Johnson’s Consumer business, Ms. McCoy had oversight for the development and marketing of products that touch women’s lives every day, including Neutrogena, Aveeno, and Johnson’s Baby Oil. Additionally, she had oversight for Baby Center, the world’s leading online community for new and expecting mothers. Ms. McCoy is a passionate advocate for customer focus and product quality, recognizing that trusted day-to-day products help make consumers’ lives healthier and better.

Ms. McCoy joined Johnson & Johnson as a scientist in research and development in 1982, and subsequently managed businesses in every major product sector, including consumer, prescription medicines and medical devices. She had responsibility for key markets worldwide, including businesses in China and Brazil, operating responsibility for the medical device and diagnostics business in Latin America, and the global presidency of the Baby and Wound care consumer franchises.

Ms. McCoy believes that a great company begins with passionate and empowered people. Throughout her career she has consistently promoted employee engagement, leadership development and diversity of thought. She is committed to Avon’s five core values of trust, respect, belief, humility and integrity.

Born in Quincy, Massachusetts, Ms. McCoy received a B.S. degree in textile chemistry from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. She also earned a master’s degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University and an MBA from Rutgers University. She holds four U.S. patents.

In 2013, Ms. McCoy ranked #20 on Fortune magazine’s “50 Most Powerful Women in Business” list, which she has been on since 2008. Ms. McCoy serves on the boards of Partnership for New York, Catalyst, Stonehill College and FIRST, a non-profit organization created to inspire young people’s interest and participation in science and technology.
Bill Moyers

Bill Moyers has been recognized as one of the unique voices of our times. His career in broadcast journalism has spanned over four decades and earned him more than 35 Emmy Awards, nine Peabody Awards, two Alfred I. DuPont Columbia University Awards, the National Humanities Medal from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the PEN USA Courageous Advocacy Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from the American Film Institute.

He and his wife and creative partner Judith Davidson Moyers have been responsible for such acclaimed series as *Healing and the Mind*, *On Our Own Terms—Moyers on Death and Dying*, *Becoming American: The Chinese Experience*, *Close to Home—Moyers on Addiction and Recovery*, *America’s First River—The Story of the Hudson*, *Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth*, *World of Ideas*, *Amazing Grace*, *The Language of Life* and the weekly television series *NOW with Bill Moyers* (2002–2004) and *Bill Moyers Journal* (2007–2010). They are currently producing the weekly public affairs series *Moyers & Company*.

Bill Moyers graduated from the University of Texas, studied at New College Divinity School at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and received his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas. His interest in politics and journalism took him to Washington, where he worked as a liaison between John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson in 1960, became a founding organizer of the Peace Corps and its first deputy director, and Special Assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson. He left Washington early in 1967 to become publisher of the daily newspaper *Newsday* on Long Island and joined the Public Broadcasting Service in 1971. He also served as Senior Correspondent for the acclaimed CBS documentary series *CBS Reports* founded by Edward R. Murrow and for five years was senior news analyst of the *CBS Evening News*. He is president of the Schumann Media Center, a non-profit organization for the support of independent journalism.

Bill and Judith Moyers have been married 58 years and have three grown children and five grandchildren. They reside in New York City.
BRENNAN LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT

Bryan Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson is the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama, and also a Professor of Law at New York University School of Law.

He is widely acclaimed as one of the most effective public service lawyers in America. A graduate of both the Harvard Law School, where he was awarded the Harvard Fellowship in Public Interest Law, and of the Harvard School of Government, where he was awarded the Kennedy Fellowship in Criminal Justice, Mr. Stevenson has devoted his life to helping disadvantaged people in the deep south. He and his staff have been largely responsible for reversals or reduced sentences in over 65 death penalty cases.

In 1985, Mr. Stevenson joined the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, Georgia as a staff attorney. From 1989-1995, he represented capital defendants as the Executive Director of the Alabama Capital Representation Resource Center. As Executive Director of EJI, Mr. Stevenson represents indigent defendants, death row prisoners and juveniles who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system. Mr. Stevenson is committed to informing policymakers in the critically important work of reforming the administration of criminal justice, and he assists counsel representing death row inmates by providing training materials and consultation.

Mr. Stevenson’s work on behalf of condemned prisoners has attracted national recognition and acclaim from the Washington Post, The New York Times, People Magazine, LIFE Magazine and several national television programs including Nightline and 60 Minutes, which featured a case where he and his staff achieved the release of a death row prisoner who spent six years on death row for a crime he did not commit.

In 1995, Mr. Stevenson was awarded the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship Award for his work. In 1989, he received the Reebok Human Rights Award along with the Chinese student leaders at the Tiananmen Square massacre. In 1991, he received the National Medal of Liberty from the American Civil Liberties Union after he was nominated by United States Supreme Court Justice John Stevens.

He has been awarded 13 honorary degrees and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the ABA Wisdom Award for Public Service, the Olaf Palme International Prize, the ACLU National Medal Of Liberty, the National Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award, the NAACP Ming Award for Advocacy, the Gruber Prize for International Justice and the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award.

Mr. Stevenson has additionally received honorary degrees from Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown University, Washington University, Eastern University, City University of New York School of Law, Metropolitan College of New York, The Bank Street College of Education, Bard College, Villanova University, Santa Clara University School of Law, Fairfield University, the University of San Francisco and Loyola University.
**DINNER CHAIRS**

**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.

**Evan R. Chesler**

Evan R. Chesler is Chairman of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP. One of the most highly regarded trial attorneys in the nation, he handles a wide variety of litigation, including antitrust, intellectual property and securities, for clients in virtually every industry.

Among his many civic activities, Mr. Chesler is a trustee of the New York Public Library, New York University and New York University School of Law. He is also an adjunct professor of law at NYU School of Law and the founder and chairman of LAMP (the Lawyer Alumni Mentoring Program). Mr. Chesler is the President of the Dwight Opperman Institute of Judicial Administration and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. He has received numerous awards for his professional and public service achievements and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.
Mr. Chesler received an A.B. in History from NYU, an M.A. in Russian Area Studies from Hunter College, and a J.D. from NYU School of Law. He joined Cravath as an associate in 1976 and became a partner in 1982. He previously served as the firm’s Head of Litigation, Deputy Presiding Partner and Presiding Partner.

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.

Michael D. Hynes

Michael Hynes engages in all types of business litigation, conducts internal corporate investigations and compliance reviews, and advises companies and financial professionals on a variety of matters. Mr. Hynes has appeared in federal and state courts in a number of jurisdictions and has substantial experience in mediation and arbitration. He is proud to have served Senator George J. Mitchell in an independent investigation into alleged illegal use of steroids and other performance-enhancing substances in Major League Baseball. Mr. Hynes currently serves as the Co-Hiring Partner in the New York office of DLA Piper.
Philip Rogers

Philip Rogers has practiced international tax law since 1983. He concentrates his practice in international tax, including legal and operational structuring, general international tax planning matters, global transfer pricing strategy and documentation, cross-border mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and joint ventures and international tax controversy. He has led dozens of international structuring projects for companies across a wide spectrum of industries and jurisdictions, and his clients include leaders in the financial, high technology and consumer products industries. Before joining DLA Piper, Mr. Rogers was with Ernst & Young, where he represented numerous Fortune 100

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.

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.
companies in their international tax planning, advising them on a broad range of cross-border issues, including international restructuring, post-merger and post-acquisition integration, repatriation planning, global supply chain planning and IP migration.

**Randy Sherman**

Randy Sherman has spent more than 44 years litigating a wide array of prominent cases at Kaye Scholer LLP. Formerly Chair of the firm’s Complex Commercial Litigation Department as well as a member of its Executive Committee, Randy has enjoyed a long professional association with Avon’s current General Counsel, Jeff Benjamin, a devoted supporter and friend of the Brennan Center for Justice, as are Randy and Kaye Scholer.

**Peter Zimroth**

Peter Zimroth is a partner at Arnold & Porter’s New York office, where he focuses on commercial, securities, and white collar crime matters. In August, Peter was appointed the independent federal monitor over the New York City Police Department’s “stop and frisk” program and was named in July to the Moreland Commission to Investigate Public Corruption.

Prior to joining Arnold & Porter, Peter was corporation counsel of the City of New York and was the architect of the city’s law providing for the public financing of city elections, which has become the model for local legislation around the country.

Earlier in his career, he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and as Chief Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan, the highest non-elected position in the District Attorney’s office. He was a tenured professor at New York University School of Law and a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas and to Chief Judge David Bazelon of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Law Journal*. He is the author of “Perversions of Justice” (Viking Press, 1974), a book about political trials.
Commissioner Yolanda Jimenez

Yolanda B. Jimenez has devoted more than 30 years to public service in New York City. In January 2002, she was appointed by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg as the first Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence.

Commissioner Jimenez is responsible for the implementation of comprehensive policies and programs that reduce domestic violence, hold batterers accountable, and increase public awareness. Over the last ten years, she has spearheaded the development of citywide domestic violence strategies that integrate the services provided by various City agencies and hundreds of nonprofit community-based organizations.

During her tenure, Commissioner Jimenez, through a public/private partnership, has opened three New York City Family Justice Centers in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens with a fourth planned to open in Manhattan in 2013, and a fifth Center in Staten Island already in the planning stage. These centers have transformed the City’s delivery of domestic violence services. Victims of domestic violence can now access criminal justice, civil legal, and social services in one central location. To date, they have assisted over 93,000 clients and 19,000 children through over 228,000 visits, all while meeting clients’ linguistic and cultural needs.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Jimenez served as Deputy Commissioner for Community Affairs for 14 years with the New York City Police Department. She initiated a number of crime prevention policies and programs aimed at fostering relations between the police and New York City’s various communities, including the Courtesy, Professionalism, Respect strategy.

Commissioner Jimenez began a career of public service at the Office of the Mayor and the New York City Fire Department after graduating with honors from Queens College, where she received both her B.A. and M.A. in Political Science/Public Administration. She is also a graduate of the Police Management Institute Program at Columbia University.
Dean Trevor W. Morrison

Trevor Morrison is currently the Dean and Clarence D. Ashley Professor of Law at New York University School of Law. He was previously the Liviu Librescu Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, where he was also faculty co-director of the Center for Constitutional Governance and faculty co-chair of the Hertog Program on Law and National Security. He spent 2009 in the White House, where he served as associate counsel to President Barack Obama. Drawing on both his scholarship and work experience, he has developed particular renown for his expertise in constitutional law as practiced in the executive branch.


From 2003 to 2008, Dean Morrison taught at Cornell Law School, and was a visiting associate professor at NYU Law in 2007. Before entering academia, he was a law clerk to Judge Betty B. Fletcher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1998–99) and to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court (2002–03). Between those clerkships, he was a Bristow Fellow in the U.S. Justice Department’s Office of the Solicitor General (1999–2000), an attorney-advisor in the Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel (2000–01), and an associate at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now WilmerHale) (2001–02).

Dean Morrison received a B.A. (hons.) in history from the University of British Columbia in 1994, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1998. He was also a Richard Hofstadter Fellow in History at Columbia University. He is a member of the American Law Institute and the U.S. State Department’s Advisory Committee on International Law. He was awarded the Willis L.M. Reese Prize for Excellence in Teaching by the Columbia Law School Class of 2011, and he was elected Faculty Convocation Speaker by the Cornell Law School Class of 2007.
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 Brennan Center’s signature issues.

He is author or editor of six books on public policy, law and history, including My Fellow Americans and A Return to Common Sense. In May 2014, he will publish The Second Amendment: A Biography (Simon & Schuster). 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, 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.
The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law is a nonpartisan law and policy institute that seeks to improve the systems of 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 more than 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.”

**Advancing Voting Reform**

Our work has protected the voting rights of millions. We worked this year to advance our signature proposal to modernize voter registration. It would add millions to the voter rolls, cut costs, and reduce error and fraud. We partnered with state groups in Colorado to pass an expansive registration law that includes key Brennan Center recommendations. A policy we crafted to modernize registration made significant progress in Nevada, where we led a state-based campaign. In Florida, where our 2012 lawsuit overturned a harsh new registration law, political leaders expanded early voting.

**Protecting Voting Rights**

As the Supreme Court struck down a key provision of the historic Voting Rights Act, we worked with a broad array of allies to frame public debate on the case. Our activities included a report on what would happen if key pieces of the VRA were struck down, which received extensive media coverage. Along with the Lawyers’ Committee, NAACP, pro bono counsel Dechert LLP, and partners on the ground, we filed a major lawsuit in federal court challenging Texas’s discriminatory voter ID law, which was blocked under the VRA in a lawsuit we brought in 2012, and immediately reinstated after the Supreme Court’s ruling in June. The law could disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of minority voters in the state.

**Combating **Citizens United**

In 2013, we played a leadership role in the country’s most significant effort in years to enact public financing of elections in our home state of New York. We organized New York Leadership for Accountable Government (NY LEAD), a bipartisan coalition of business, civic, and philanthropic leaders calling for reform. We issued research and successfully
pressed political leaders to make reform a priority. Reform fell one vote short in the New York State Senate in June, and the fight will continue into 2014.

**Increasing Accountability in Counter-Terrorism**

The New York City Council passed (over a mayoral veto) a new law to create an Inspector General for the NYPD, a proposal crafted by the Center and based on our research. This new oversight mechanism will ensure the NYPD, the largest police force in the country, keeps the city safe while respecting the civil rights of diverse communities. This year, the Brennan Center has emerged as a national voice explaining NSA surveillance to the public. We are working to research and advance practical solutions designed to better protect the privacy of law-abiding Americans in the effort to safeguard national security.

**Ending Mass Incarceration**

The past year has been an exciting period of growth for our Justice Program. We hired new staff including three counsel, an economist, and an economics researcher. We released a report with the Vera Institute for Justice on how New York reduced its correctional population and another explaining how the unfunded mandate of the Supreme Court’s *Gideon v. Wainwright* decision helps fuel mass incarceration. This month, we will issue a transformative reform proposal to shift billions of dollars in government spending away from mass incarceration and toward a more rational criminal justice system.

**Reforming State and Federal Courts**

We released a powerful new report (deemed a “must read” by the *Washington Post*) describing how judicial vacancies in federal trial courts are slowing the wheels of justice. We continue with public education and an advocacy campaign to stop the Senate confirmation logjam. For the last ten years, the Brennan Center has helped lead the fight for reform of the state courts. Last month, we released *The New Politics of Judicial Elections 2011-12* with Justice at Stake and the National Institute on Money in State Politics, which reveals record spending in state judicial elections, especially by outside groups.

**Advancing Strategic Communications**

Brennan Center research and experts appeared in the media this year over a 1,000 times, including in *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*. Our work also led to editorials, over 100 op-eds from our experts, and scores of national television appearances, including on MSNBC, Fox News, and CNN. Our newsletters reach 30,000 people. We launched our new website, significantly expanded our social media presence, and hosted more than 30 public events.
1: Fellow Andrew Cohen moderated a discussion previewing the Supreme Court’s fall term and exploring what themes will be at the center of the debate at the end of June 2014.

2: Harvard Law School’s Lawrence Lessig delivered the 2013 Brennan Center Jorde Symposium lecture at Berkeley Law School, focusing on the corrupting influence of money on policymaking.

3: Liberty & National Security Program Co-Director Faiza Patel (left) moderated a discussion at NYU School of Law on Enemies Within, a new book from award-winning journalists Adam Goldman and Matt Apuzzo about the New York City Police Department’s controversial Muslim surveillance program.

4: The Brennan Center hosted New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP for a breakfast discussion on disclosure of political spending by non-profits. President Michael Waldman (left) and Chief Counsel Frederick A.O. (Fritz) Schwarz, Jr. (second from right) also spoke.

5: Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) delivered the keynote address at a Brennan Center symposium on money in politics in Washington, D.C.


7: At a National Press Club briefing in Washington, D.C., Democracy Program Director Wendy Weiser (second from left) and Nicole Austin-Hillery (middle) joined Secretaries of State Ross James Miller, Kate Brown, Alvin A. Jaeger, and other experts to discuss ways to modernize the voting system in America.

8: In the wake of the Petraeus scandal, Faiza Patel (left) moderated a lunch-time conversation, sponsored with the NYU John Brademas Center, on how new technologies have outpaced traditional privacy safeguards.

9: Justice Program Director Inimai Chettiar spoke at a roundtable discussion on the 50th Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright with The New Press to launch a new report with three reforms to revive the right to counsel.

10: Gov. Andrew Cuomo outlined his support of public matching funds for New York State elections at a gathering of business leaders. The event was held in The New York Times Building at the law firm Covington & Burling LLP.

11: Liberty & National Security Program Co-Director Elizabeth Goitein appeared on MSNBC’s “The Rachel Maddow Show” to discuss how the FISA Court process effectively creates secret laws outside of the legislative process.

12: Democracy Program Deputy Director Myrna Pérez (left) spoke about new voting restrictions in North Carolina on MSNBC’s “All In with Chris Hayes,” appearing alongside NAACP President Benjamin Jealous.

13: Before the President’s State of the Union address, President Michael Waldman (right) appeared on MSNBC’s “Melissa Harris-Perry” to discuss the Brennan Center’s proposals to fix long voting lines.
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 2013 highlights:

Advising on Criminal Background Checks
The Brennan Center worked with Crowell & Moring LLP on comments to regulations proposed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on the use of criminal background checks by employers.

Defending Federal Campaign Contribution Limits
The Brennan Center and Brennan Center Board member Dan Kolb filed an amicus brief in a Supreme Court case challenging the overall biannual cap on contributions to federal candidates. The brief argues that eliminating the cap would effectively undermine all contribution limits. (*McCutcheon v. FEC*)

Working to Defend the Voting Rights Act
Jenner & Block LLP and the Brennan Center drafted an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the constitutionality of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) in the face of a challenge by Shelby County, Alabama. Section 5 of the VRA requires jurisdictions with a history of discrimination to apply for permission to change their voting laws. This adverse ruling has spawned a new wave of restrictive voting legislation in state legislatures and new legal challenges. (*Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*)

Challenge to New Texas Law Restricting the Right to Vote
The Brennan Center and Dechert LLP, together with the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and others, represent a group of Texas plaintiffs, including the Texas NAACP and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, challenging newly enacted voter ID requirements passed immediately after the decision in *Shelby County*. This lawsuit is brought under the Voting Rights Act and the United States Constitution, and requests “bail-in” so that Texas will have to obtain preclearance under Section 2 of the VRA for future changes to its voting practices. (*Texas NAACP v. Steen*)
Ensuring the Integrity of Voter Registration Rolls

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP and the Brennan Center filed an amicus brief on behalf of the Florida League of Women Voters questioning whether the purge of Florida voters prior to the 2012 election violated the National Voter Registration Act. (*Arcia v. Detzner*)

Bolstering Merit Selection of Judges

The Arizona law firm of Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP, led by Lawrence Kasten, a former law clerk to Justice Brennan, filed an amicus brief on behalf of the Brennan Center and Justice at Stake in a successful challenge to an attempt by the Arizona legislature to undermine the state’s merit selection process for judges. The nominating commission process in question was part of the state’s Constitution and had been adopted by voter referendum. (*Dobson v. Arizona*)

Defending the Recess Appointments Clause

Brennan Center Senior Policy Advisor Sidney Rosdeitcher and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP worked with NYU Law Professor and Brennan Center Board member Burt Neuborne to draft an amicus brief for the Brennan Center in a pending Supreme Court challenge to the President’s power to make recess appointments. The brief argues that the D.C. Circuit’s unduly narrow interpretation of the Recess Appointments Clause upsets the delicate balance of powers between the executive branch and the Senate. (*NLRB v. Canning*)

We are grateful to Arnold & Porter LLP and Peter Zimroth for all their work on al Falah Center v. Township of Bridgewater. After more than two years in court, a federal district judge ruled that the al Falah Center can now move forward with its application to build a mosque and community center in Bridgewater, NJ. A very special thank you to attorneys from Patton Boggs LLP and Krauss PLLC who helped analyze a prospective challenge to the advocacy language included in the New York State referendum on casino gambling.

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March 2013—Gov. Cuomo delivers keynote remarks at a panel discussion on small donor public financing organized by the Brennan Center and the Committee for Economic Development for NY LEAD members. Panelists included NY LEAD members David Calone, Leo Hindery, and Jonathan Soros and pollster Celinda Lake.


June 2013—NYS Attorney General Eric Schneiderman speaks at a breakfast hosted by Weil, Gotshal & Manges for NY LEAD. He announces the implementation of groundbreaking regulations requiring disclosure of donors to nonprofits participating in NY politics.

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July 2013—Using his authority under the Moreland Act, Gov. Cuomo establishes a commission to investigate systemic political corruption in New York State. The commission will issue a set of recommendations before the end of the year.

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

NY LEAD member Peter Zimroth calls for campaign finance reform at a press conference on the steps of City Hall.
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