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Opening Remarks

Alec Baldwin

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Sandra Phillips
Veta T. Richardson
Presenter

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Presenter

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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 institution that bears his name, and honor those who advance the goal of what the Justice called “common human dignity.”

On behalf of all of us at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, thank you for joining us tonight as we celebrate two exemplary leaders: Sandra Phillips, Group Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel of Toyota Motor North America, Inc., for her unwavering commitment to advancing the goals of diversity and the pursuit of democracy and justice. And Christopher Jackson, who has stunned and thrilled audiences in the role of George Washington in Broadway’s *Hamilton* and provided an extraordinary public service in retelling the American story.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our Dinner Chairs and Committee, and to all our supporters, pro bono partners, and colleagues. Your commitment and dedication make possible our efforts to revitalize and reform our nation’s systems of democracy and justice.

The Brennan Center has forged a distinct model for change. We are part think tank, part legal advocacy group, part communications hub. Nonpartisan. Independent. The Center fights to protect and advance voting rights, to curb the outsized role of big money in politics, to end mass incarceration, and to protect civil liberties in the fight against terrorism. These issues must remain at the heart of the national agenda, now more than ever.

After a challenging election season — like none of us have ever seen — we know too well that American democracy is under tremendous pressure. In order to address the nation’s problems, we must fix the systems so that they work, for *all* of us, again. That is our charge. That is our mission.

Many thanks for your support of the Brennan Center for Justice and our honorees. Have a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,



Michael Waldman

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Sandra Phillips

Sandra Phillips is group vice president, general counsel and chief legal officer of Toyota Motor North America. In this role, she leads the legal services function for Toyota's operations in North America, Toyota Legal One ("TL1"). Phillips is responsible for managing representation of Toyota's affiliates in North America, including legal services across the areas of litigation, intellectual property, labor and employment, regulatory law and business

operations support. She is also a member of the company's global leadership team and serves as corporate secretary for several Toyota North American affiliates.

Previously, Phillips was vice president and deputy general counsel, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., where she oversaw the company's most significant class action, securities and product litigation matters, and government and regulatory investigations. She also helped build an integrated North American legal services group and was responsible for developing an outside counsel partnering program to track legal services spending and legal technology resources, among other processes, to increase operational efficiency.

Prior to joining Toyota in June 2012, Phillips was a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in their Houston office, where her practice focused on complex litigation management and strategy, including crisis management. Phillips also served as a senior vice president, associate general counsel and chief litigation counsel at Pfizer Inc., responsible for setting and executing legal strategies for the company's global product litigation matters as well as its environmental litigation, and was a managing partner of the Houston office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

Phillips is a founding member of the Center for Women in Law at The University of Texas School of Law, which is devoted to the success of the entire spectrum of women in law by identifying and addressing persistent issues facing individual women and the profession as a whole. In recognition of her thought leadership in diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, Phillips is the recipient of the 2008 Defense Research Institute's Diversity Pioneer Award. Phillips serves on the Board of Directors for the YWCA USA and the University of Texas Law School Foundation.

Phillips earned both a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Christopher Jackson

Christopher Jackson is an actor and Emmy Award-winning songwriter/composer who stars as George Washington in the award-winning musical, *Hamilton*, which opened on Broadway in August 2015. Chris's Broadway credits include *Holler if Ya Hear Me*, *After Midnight*, *The Bronx Bombers* (Derek Jeter), *In The Heights* (Benny), *Memphis* (Delray Farrell) and *The Lion King* (Simba). Off Broadway credits include *Bronx*

Bombers (Primary Stages), *The Jammer* (Atlantic Theater Co.), *Lonely, I'm Not* (Second Stage), *In the Heights* (37 Arts), and *Cotton Club Parade* (ENCORES at City Center).

Christopher can also currently be seen starring in the hit CBS drama *Bull* where he plays Chunk, a stylist who prepares defendants for trial. Chris also recorded an original song written by Lin-Manuel Miranda for the new Disney film *Moana* in theaters this November.

In film and TV, he has appeared in *Freestyle Love Supreme* (Pivot Network), *Person of Interest*, *A Gifted Man*, *Fringe*, *Gossip Girl*, *Tracers*, and *Afterlife*.

He was also the Composer/Songwriter for *Sesame Street* (6 Emmy nominations and 1 win), and Co-Music Supervisor and Writer for *The Electric Company* (PBS).

Chris won an Emmy Award for his song with Will.I.Am, "What I Am." In 2010 he released his first solo album titled *In the Name of Love* with Yellow Sound Lab Records and is currently working on his second album. He also has several musical projects in development for the musical stage.



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 of 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.



Helen V. Cantwell

Helen Cantwell is a litigation partner at Debevoise & Plimpton with extensive trial experience. Her practice focuses on white collar criminal defense, regulatory enforcement actions and internal investigations. Ms. Cantwell represents a wide range of individuals, companies, schools and nonprofits, and she frequently advises clients on their compliance obligations. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Cantwell served for eight years as

an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, where she was a member of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force and worked closely with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission and other law enforcement and regulatory agencies. Ms. Cantwell joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2000, after four years as an Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office.



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. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and active politically.



Vincent Galvin, Jr.

Vince Galvin is Executive Managing Partner of Bowman and Brooke. He is a nationally recognized first-chair trial lawyer with over 30 years of experience defending high exposure product liability and mass tort litigation. According to *Chambers USA* (2014), he “impresses by being able to ‘implement aggressive positions without becoming personally aggressive or losing sight of the client’s objectives.’” He has tried more than 30 catastrophic injury and wrongful death trials, including as lead counsel for Toyota in the widely publicized bellwether “unintended acceleration” trial in 2013. When brands are under attack, his vast experience, coupled with innate tactical prowess, make him a client’s best ally in the courtroom. Vince is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a 2014 Law360 “Product Liability MVP” and a member of the prestigious Product Liability Advisory Council.



Michael J. Gillespie

Michael Gillespie is a corporate partner and a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate Governance Groups at Debevoise & Plimpton, where he has also served on the firm's Management Committee and has been active in all aspects of talent development at the firm over several decades. In addition to M&A, Mr. Gillespie has advised senior management and boards throughout the world, including the United States, Latin America, India, Russia

and various other jurisdictions, on a range of strategic transactions and related matters, including critical governance, compliance and risk management issues. He is a leader of the firm's Technology, Media & Telecommunications Group and is listed as a Band 1 advisor by *Chambers* in the TMT sector.



Robert D. Hays

Robert Hays is the Chairman of King & Spalding. He has been with K&S for 33 years, joining the firm in 1983 from Vanderbilt Law School where he was a Patrick Wilson Scholar. He graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead Scholar. He has served as Chairman of the firm and Chair of the Policy Committee since 2006. During his tenure the firm has

opened up 15 offices for a total of 20, almost doubled in revenue breaking through the \$1 billion mark, and more than doubled in profit vaulting its ranking to an AmLaw 20 firm with a global footprint. The London publication *Legal Business* recently described King & Spalding as a "Standout firm... with 42% top-line growth over five years."

Prior to Robert's election as Chairman, he was a trial lawyer, having served for more than a decade as the practice group leader for the Tort team. He is a member of the LDLC (Leadership Council on Legal Diversity) and a variety of bar and community related organizations. He and his wife (a Duke Law grad which makes the UNC relationship tense) have two boys.



John P. Hooper

John Hooper is a partner in the New York office of Reed Smith and currently serves as the co-chair of the Firm's multi-disciplinary Complex Litigation Group. He has been the lead negotiator in a substantial number of class and mass action settlements. *The American Lawyer* has recognized John's skills in the management and resolution of "bet the company" litigation and, just last year, he was recognized by the *National Law Journal* as one of its "50 Litigation Trailblazers" for his practice of advising multi-national clients on creating and implementing successful end game strategies in "Viral Litigations". His overall service to his clients has been recognized by his nomination to the prestigious BTI "Client Service All-Star Team" for multiple years. Until recently, John served as a board member for Legal Services NYC, the largest pro-bono legal services organization in New York. John is a former Manhattan Assistant District Attorney and worked in-house at Bristol-Myers Squibb prior to going into private practice.



Jami Wintz McKeon

Chair of Morgan Lewis, Jami McKeon directs the firm's strategic growth and its steadfast commitment to client service. In her practice, she counsels clients in high-stakes crisis litigation and investigations involving business disputes, fraud, class and mass action cases, including controversies arising from mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and divestitures. Focusing particularly on the financial services and technology industries, she has led bank-related investigations and litigation, and currently represents some of the world's largest banks in mortgage and credit card regulatory and litigation matters. Before her election as Chair, Jami led the firm's global litigation practice—its largest practice. She played a central role in many of the firm's most important developments, including expansion across the United States and into key global markets. Jami develops effective, innovative solutions, encouraging the use of cutting-edge

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technology both within the firm and to serve clients. A leader in establishing Morgan Lewis as one of a select group of firms managing large nationwide litigation dockets, Jami was an early proponent of alternative fee arrangements. With Jami's election as chair, Morgan Lewis is now the world's largest law firm led by a woman.



Latondra Newton

As Group Vice President, Social Innovation and Chief Diversity Officer for Toyota Motor North America, Latondra Newton is currently leading an integrated, holistic social responsibility strategy for the company. She has united Toyota's Diversity and Inclusion, shared impact and environmental sustainability efforts across North America under one function for the first time.

Globally, Newton leads the Toyota Mobility Foundation, which was established in 2014 to advance the freedom of mobility for more people everywhere. Additionally, she is on the board of the Toyota USA Foundation, which has a \$100 million endowment to support K-12 STEM education, especially in diverse communities.

Newton is honored to serve on the Board of Directors of the Manufacturing Institute, and was the founding chair of Step Ahead, which is focused on enhancing professional opportunities for women in the manufacturing industry. She served on the Board of Trustees of the New Cities Foundation, as well as on the Board of Directors for SBP, a nonprofit that uses Toyota Production System knowledge to help homeowners and communities reduce the time it takes to recover from natural disasters.



David L. Schrader

David L. Schrader is a Partner at Morgan Lewis. He represents clients across the United States in their most significant matters and has done so for 25 years. A fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, he tries high stakes cases in state and federal courts from California to New York. He is also recognized for his work as a global litigation strategist in complex litigation. He represents clients in many industries, including energy, automotive, manufacturing, financial services, and life sciences. David defends companies in litigation involving alleged unfair business practices and unlawful activities, allegations of breach of contract and fraud, environmental claims, and torts.

David's major trial victories include a complete defense verdict in Houston for a company being sued by Harris County for \$1.6 billion in civil penalties. As a national trial counsel for a defendant in silicone breast implant litigation, he secured defense verdicts in every case he tried. A trial lawyer's trial lawyer, David also represented a prominent trial attorney in Los Angeles in a high-profile jury trial involving a multimillion-dollar partnership dispute.



Alec Baldwin

Since 1980, Alec Baldwin has appeared in numerous productions on stage, in films and on television. He has received a Tony nomination (*A Streetcar Named Desire*, 1992) an Oscar nomination (*The Cooler*, 2004) and has won two Emmy Awards, three Golden Globes and seven consecutive Screen Actors Guild Awards as Best Actor in a Comedy Series for his role on NBC's *30 Rock*. His films include *The Hunt for Red October*, *Glengarry Glen Ross*,

Malice, *The Edge*, *It's Complicated*, *Blue Jasmine*, *Still Alice*, and *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation* among many others.

Baldwin is a 1994 BFA graduate of the NYU Tisch School of the Arts and received an honorary doctorate in 2010. He is Co-Chairman of the Board of the Hamptons International Film Festival.

He is also the radio announcer for the New York Philharmonic.

Baldwin has two daughters, Ireland Elliese Baldwin and Carmen Gabriela Baldwin and a son, Rafael Thomas Baldwin. He is married to Hilaria Thomas Baldwin. In 2016, Baldwin hosted a summer package of episodes of the *Match Game*, the classic television game show; the proceeds of which Baldwin and his wife will donate to charity.



Robert A. Atkins

Bob Atkins has been a litigator at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison for 29 years and is the Chairman of the firm's legal ethics committee. He has tried cases in state and federal courts, most recently an antitrust trial in the Eastern District of Texas. Bob has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the "Best Lawyers" in the U.S. in Antitrust Litigation. Bob handles litigations and government investigations in a

wide range of matters and industries, including antitrust and product liability class actions in the medical products business, mass tort actions arising from the 9/11 attacks, struggles for corporate control in the insurance and newspaper industries, charges of payola in the radio industry, false advertising lawsuits in the healthcare industry, and trademark and copyright infringement in the movies and on TV. In addition to his commercial practice, Bob regularly litigates voting rights cases and constitutional challenges to voter registration and identification laws. Bob serves as the Co-Chair of the Board of the Brennan Center for Justice. From 1983–1984, Bob served as Political Director for Representative Robert G. Torricelli (D-NJ) and Campaign Director for Congressman Torricelli's 1984 reelection campaign.



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Ron Chernow

An honors graduate of Yale and Cambridge, Ron Chernow is one of the most distinguished commentators on history, politics, business, and finance in America today. The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* hailed him as "one of the pre-eminent biographers of his generation." His first book, *The House of Morgan*, won the 1990 National Book Award. His 1998 biography of John D. Rockefeller, *Titan*, was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award.

Mr. Chernow's biography of Alexander Hamilton was published in 2004 to extraordinary acclaim. The *Times* praised it as "moving and masterly...by far the best biography ever written about the man," while *USA Today* deemed it "a must-read. Ron Chernow's masterpiece." The book was the first recipient of the George Washington

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Book Prize and was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award. Since 2009, Mr. Chernow has worked with Lin-Manuel Miranda as the historical consultant on the Broadway musical *Hamilton*. In 2015, he and Mr. Miranda received the History Makers Award from the New-York Historical Society. In 2016, *Hamilton* won 11 Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Mr. Chernow's 2010 biography of George Washington, *Washington: A Life*, was praised by *The New York Review of Books* as "the best, most comprehensive, and most balanced single-volume biography of Washington ever written." The New-York Historical Society gave it the coveted American History Book Prize, endowing Mr. Chernow with the honorary title of American Historian Laureate. In 2011, *Washington: A Life* was honored with the Pulitzer Prize in Biography.

Mr. Chernow is a familiar media figure and has appeared in numerous documentaries. He has served as President of the PEN American Center, sat on the board of the Society of American Historians, is a fellow of the New York Academy of History, and currently sits on the board of Humanity in Action, a global human rights organization. In 2016, President Obama conferred on him a National Humanities Medal.



Veta T. Richardson

Veta T. Richardson is President & CEO of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), the largest global legal association serving in-house counsel. Veta's priorities as CEO are to expand ACC's global footprint and solidify ACC's position as the preeminent voice for in-house counsel worldwide. Recently, Veta led ACC's expansion into Australia through a membership combination with the Australian Corporate Lawyers Association (ACLA), now ACC Australia. The

transaction resulted in ACC's first staff office outside of North America and a 10 percent increase in ACC's membership, which now stands at more than 40,000 in-house lawyers in 85 countries. ACC's members, who work at more than 10,000 organizations, including 98 percent of the Fortune 100 and 51 percent of the Global 1000, look to ACC for advocacy, legal and business education, practice resources and peer-to-peer networking. Prior to her current role, Veta held executive-level positions in the

nonprofit association realm. She started her legal career as in-house counsel at Sunoco, Inc., where she was responsible for corporate governance, securities disclosure, financings and M&A transactions. She holds a B.S. in Business Management and a J.D. from the University of Maryland.



Michael Waldman

Michael Waldman is President of the Brennan Center for Justice. He is a leading voice on the issues of American democracy, the presidency, and the law. He joined the Brennan Center in 2005 after a distinguished career in public service and advocacy. Mr. Waldman was Director of Speechwriting for President William J. Clinton from 1995 to 1999, 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 from 1993 to 1995.

In 2016, he published *The Fight to Vote* (Simon & Schuster). According to the *Washington Post*, “Waldman’s important and engaging account demonstrates that over the long term, the power of the democratic ideal prevails — as long as the people so demand.” The book was a History Book Club Main Selection. *Publishers Weekly* called his prior book, *The Second Amendment: A Biography* (Simon & Schuster, 2014), “the best narrative of its subject.” In a *Cardozo Law Review* symposium devoted to the book, a Fordham law professor wrote, “*The Second Amendment* is, without doubt, among the best efforts at melding constitutional history and constitutional law on any topic — at least since the modern revival of originalism two generations ago.” Waldman’s previous books include *My Fellow Americans* and *POTUS Speaks*.

Mr. Waldman has served as the director of Public Citizen’s Congress Watch, a full faculty member at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a partner at the law firm Cuneo, Waldman & Gilbert LLP. 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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Our work depends on the support of our pro bono partners, who fight alongside us for democracy, justice, and the rule of law. A few recent highlights:

Ensuring Voter Access in Extraordinary Circumstances

The Brennan Center, with **Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP**, mobilized to quickly file suit on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Florida to extend Florida's voter registration deadline in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, which disrupted citizenship ceremonies and voter registration drives in what would have been the crucial final week of registration. In October, a federal judge extended the deadline by a week — during which time more than 108,000 people registered. (*League of Women Voters of Florida v. Scott*)

Blocking Restrictive Voting Laws

The Brennan Center, with **Dechert LLP** and allies, challenged Texas' voter ID law, the strictest in the nation. In July, the Fifth Circuit found the law to have a discriminatory impact on African Americans and Latinos, violating the Voting Rights Act. The case was sent back to district court to craft a remedy for the 2016 election. We anticipate further post-election appeals, and will continue the fight. (*Texas NAACP v. Steen*)

Fighting to Close Campaign Finance Loopholes

Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP and the Brennan Center, on behalf of itself and several former and current state legislators, sued the New York State Board of Elections to close the infamous "LLC Loophole," which allows campaign contributors giving through LLCs to circumvent contribution limits and disclosure requirements in state elections. The lawsuit was dismissed in March, and we are planning an appeal. (*Brennan Center, et. al., v. NYS Board of Elections*)

Reforming the Redistricting Process

The Brennan Center worked with **WilmerHale** on an *amicus* brief to the U.S. Supreme Court discussing the role of contextual evidence in the jurisprudence of racial gerrymandering. The case involves a challenge by African American voters to North Carolina's 2011 congressional map and presents the Court with the opportunity to clarify the rules for determining whether race has played an excessive role in drawing district lines. (*McCrary v. Harris*)

Defending Fair and Impartial Courts

With **Jenner & Block LLP** and **Kaye Scholer LLP**, the Brennan Center filed *amicus* briefs defending judicial canons in Arizona that prevent judicial candidates from soliciting campaign contributions and engaging in other behaviors that threaten public trust. In January, a unanimous Ninth Circuit upheld the canons at issue. In Kansas, we worked again with Kaye Scholer to successfully roll back two laws that threatened judicial independence. A victory at the Kansas Supreme Court preserved the independent administration of justice, and lawmakers subsequently repealed a law that would have defunded the courts. (*Wolfson v. Concannon*, *Solomon v. Kansas*, and *Fairchild v. Kansas*)

Protecting ‘One Person, One Vote’

The Brennan Center and **Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP** submitted an *amicus* brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in a case challenging Texas’ practice of drawing state legislative districts based on total population. The brief focused on how a ruling against Texas would undermine the rights of underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities and violate the established principle of equal representation for equal numbers of people. In April, the Court upheld the longstanding practice. (*Evenwel v. Abbott*)

Fighting Onerous Registration Requirements

The Brennan Center, with **Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP** and **Kirkland & Ellis LLP**, sued U.S. Election Assistance Commission Executive Director Brian Newby on behalf of the League of Women Voters and its Alabama, Georgia, and Kansas affiliates, in a lawsuit challenging his decision to allow the states to require documentary proof of citizenship when using the federal voter registration form. In September, the D.C. Circuit preliminarily enjoined the agency from changing the form. (*League of Women Voters v. Newby*)

Bolstering Fourth Amendment Protections in the Digital Age

With **O’Melveny & Myers LLP**, the Brennan Center is urging courts to maintain Fourth Amendment protections for the increasing amounts of personal data stored digitally. We submitted *amicus* briefs in support of Microsoft against a domestic search warrant for emails stored in Ireland, and in support of Facebook’s attempt to protect users’ privacy from overbroad searches. In July, the Second Circuit rejected the government’s attempt to dilute the traditional understanding of a warrant. (*Microsoft Corp. v. United States of America*). The Facebook matter is before the New York Court of Appeals. (*In re. 381 Warrants Directed to Facebook Inc.*)

Strengthening Judicial Recusal Law

The Brennan Center worked with **Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP** on an *amicus* brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the absence of independent review of a recusal motion as a factor contributing to a violation of due process. In June, the Court vacated the plaintiff's death sentence and remanded his case for a new hearing, finding an impermissible risk of bias when a judge had significant, personal involvement as a prosecutor in the defendant's case. (*Williams v. Pennsylvania*)

Defending Reasonable Campaign Finance Regulations

With **Reed Smith LLP**, the Brennan Center submitted an *amicus* brief in support of Montana's limits on contributions to political candidates. The brief focused on problems with how the trial court analyzed whether direct contributions create a risk of corruption and whether the limits leave candidates able to amass sufficient resources. (*Lair v. Motl*). The Center also worked with **Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP** to file an *amicus* brief in support of the Federal Election Commission before a panel of the D.C. Circuit in a challenge to sections of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 that prohibited the Republican Party of Louisiana from spending soft money on federal election activities. (*Louisiana Republican Party v. FEC*)

The Brennan Center works closely with pro bono partners on research and other projects that advance our work and prepare for future litigation. Recent projects include working with **Covington & Burling LLP** to research felony disenfranchisement in Kentucky; with **Sidley Austin LLP** on an analysis of Supreme Court jurisprudence on criminal justice issues; and with **Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP** on a project to develop litigation strategies to reduce gun violence.

We are also grateful to **Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP** for serving as longstanding organizational counsel to the Brennan Center, particular this year for advising us in connection with the leasing of new office space. We would particularly like to thank Daniel Aires, Robert Nash, Aaron Schwed, Daniel Greenberg, and others for their efforts.

As the Brennan Center has long argued, if we do not fix our systems of self-governance, we will not solve our nation's problems. This was abundantly clear in 2016. In the months leading up to the election, the state of our democracy and justice system *themselves* played a central role.

Throughout it all, the Center's dedicated attorneys, scholars, journalists, researchers, and experts provided answers. Our rigor and respected work made a difference — in the courts, in the media, and in the halls of Congress. Among our accomplishments:

Shaping the National Debate

The Brennan Center's expertise was relied upon to set the record straight amid claims that American elections are “rigged” due to voter fraud, and calls for “law and order.” Our research was cited continuously in the lead-up to the 2016 election, including three times on the front page of *The New York Times*.

Advancing Visionary Voting Reform

Our proposal for automatic voter registration was novel when we first introduced it in 2007. Now we see an exciting state-by-state movement, with legislative victories across the country, including in California, Connecticut, Oregon, West Virginia, and Vermont, enfranchising millions.

Achieving Voting Rights Victories

When a hurricane hit Florida last month, shuttering public services, the Governor refused to extend voter registration. Our attorneys and pro bono partners raced to court and won an additional week — during which time an astonishing 108,000 people registered to vote. In Texas, we were victorious in the Fifth Circuit, which blocked the state's discriminatory voter ID law; the case may still go to the U.S. Supreme Court, a critical test of the continued strength of the Voting Rights Act.

Combating Big Money in Politics

Our jurisprudential drive will lay the groundwork to challenge *Citizens United* and other destructive and misguided doctrines. Our proposal for small donor public financing is a key reform at the center of state initiatives and federal campaign finance legislation.

Mobilizing Law Enforcement for Justice Reform

Mass incarceration is one of the greatest moral failures and racial justice crises facing our country. Our work organizing *Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration* — nearly 200 top police chiefs, sheriffs, U.S. Attorneys, and district attorneys from all 50 states — is helping build support for reform and lending a uniquely credible voice to the movement.

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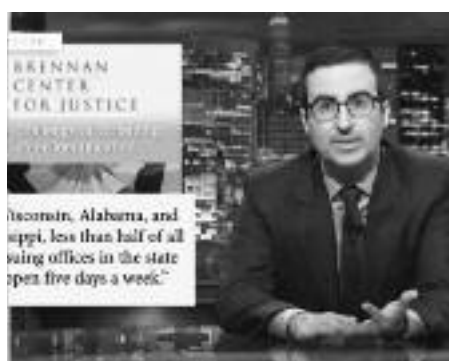
Our report *The New Era of Secret Law* exposes how the federal government has issued binding law without public scrutiny or input — a phenomenon that impacts crucial decisions about the lives and liberties of U.S. citizens, from the use of torture to mass surveillance.

Winning in the U.S. Supreme Court

The Brennan Center’s skill at waging campaigns for legal change has seen breakthroughs. Our work was cited by the Court seven times last year in opinions that upheld judicial independence and state-based redistricting and election reform.

Forging Intellectual Leadership

The Fight To Vote (Simon & Schuster, February 2016) provides a succinct and comprehensive look at a crucial American struggle: the drive to define and defend government based on “the consent of the governed.” Met with critical acclaim, Michael Waldman’s book traces the full story from the Founders’ debates to today’s challenges.





Left to right, top to bottom:

Elizabeth Goitein, Co-Director of the Brennan Center's Liberty & National Security Program, testified at a U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on NSA Surveillance.

Democracy Program Deputy Director Lawrence Norden testified before the House Subcommittee on Information Technology on voting machines and election security.

Brennan Center President Michael Waldman appeared on PBS's *Tavis Smiley* to discuss *The Fight to Vote*, one of many media appearances surrounding his book.



John Oliver lampooned lawmakers who manipulate election rules on HBO's *Last Week Tonight*, citing Brennan Center research.

Democracy Program Director Wendy R. Weiser joined CBS's *This Morning* to discuss voter fraud and claims that the election is "rigged."

C-SPAN livestreamed our White House event on the economic impact of criminal justice, which included David Rennie, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Todd Cox, Daniel Loeb, Brennan Center Justice Program Director Inimai Chettiar, and Peter Orszag.



Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime & Incarceration and Senate Republicans held a standing-room only Capitol Hill briefing in support of the bipartisan Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act. Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT, left) spoke on the panel with other major law enforcement figures.

Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder spoke at our conference on automatic voter registration, which attracted more than 400 policymakers, advocates, and civil rights leaders from 20 states.

Nicole Austin-Hillery, Director of the Center's D.C. office, spoke at a Senate briefing about the momentum for automatic voter registration reform.



Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights President and CEO Wade Henderson spoke at our event "Money in Politics: A Barrier to a 21st Century Civil Rights Agenda?"

Former NYPD Commissioner William J. Bratton (center), with the Policing Project's Barry Friedman (left) and Brennan Center Liberty & National Security Program Co-Director Faiza Patel (right), before giving the keynote address at our Policing & Accountability symposium.

Brennan Center Democracy Program Deputy Director Myrna Pérez joined MSNBC to discuss how strict voter ID laws and other barriers create hurdles on Election Day.

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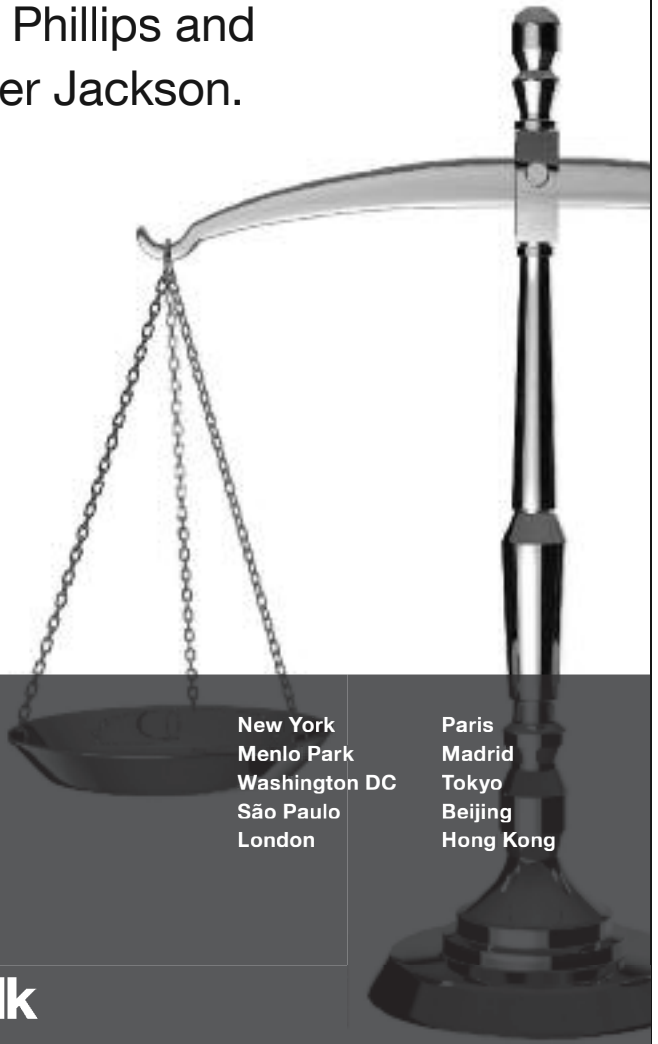
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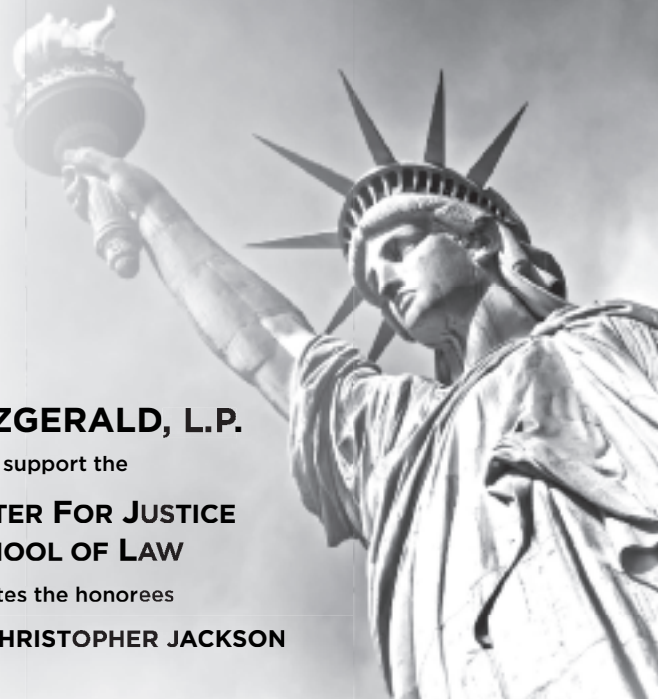
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JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR.



Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. is universally regarded as one of the most influential justices of the second half of the 20th century. His 34 years on the U.S. Supreme Court was one of the Court's longest tenures, spanning eight presidencies and 17 Congresses. During that time he served with 22 justices, wrote 461 majority opinions, 425 dissents, and 474 other opinions. Brennan's legacy was so powerful and far-reaching that even those who disagreed with his opinions still recognized his singular

influence. According to the conservative *National Review* in 1984, "there is no individual in this country, on or off the Court, who has had a more profound and sustained impact upon public policy in the United States."

Born in 1906 to Irish immigrants, Brennan grew up as witness to the economic hardships and indignities of those in his hometown. "What got me interested in people's rights and liberties," Brennan would later recall, "was the kind of neighborhood I was brought up in. I saw all kinds of suffering — people had to struggle."

Despite his humble beginnings, Brennan excelled academically. He completed his law degree at Harvard and entered private practice in his home state of New Jersey. But when his practice intruded on his devotion to his family, Brennan opted for service as a trial judge. He was promoted to the state's highest court in 1952 and was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Justice Brennan's devotion to core democratic freedoms was unwavering. He authored important opinions in the areas of free expression, criminal procedure, and reapportionment. As a result of his leadership, Brennan imparted his constitutional vision to a broad coalition of his colleagues. He resigned on account of health in 1990.

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