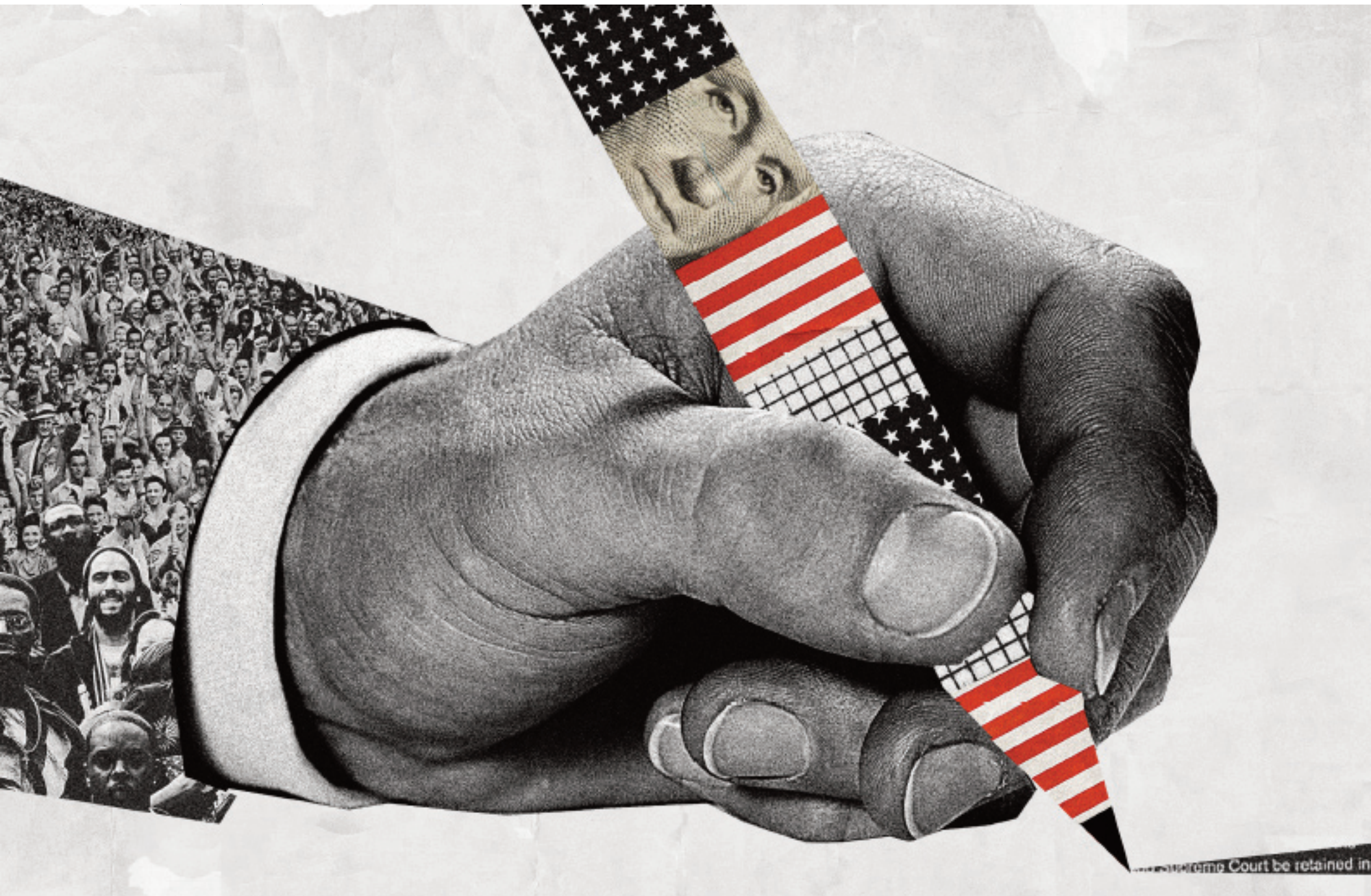


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# Brennan Legacy Awards

## 10.20.20

### **Welcome**

*Kimberley D. Harris | Michael Waldman*

### **Free & Fair Elections**

Protect the Vote

*Desmond Meade | Myrna Pérez*

Fight Voter Suppression

*Stacey Abrams*

Secure Our Elections

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### **Justice for All**

End Mass Incarceration

*Laura Arnold | Sen. Cory Booker*

Curb Abuse of Power

*Liza Goitein*

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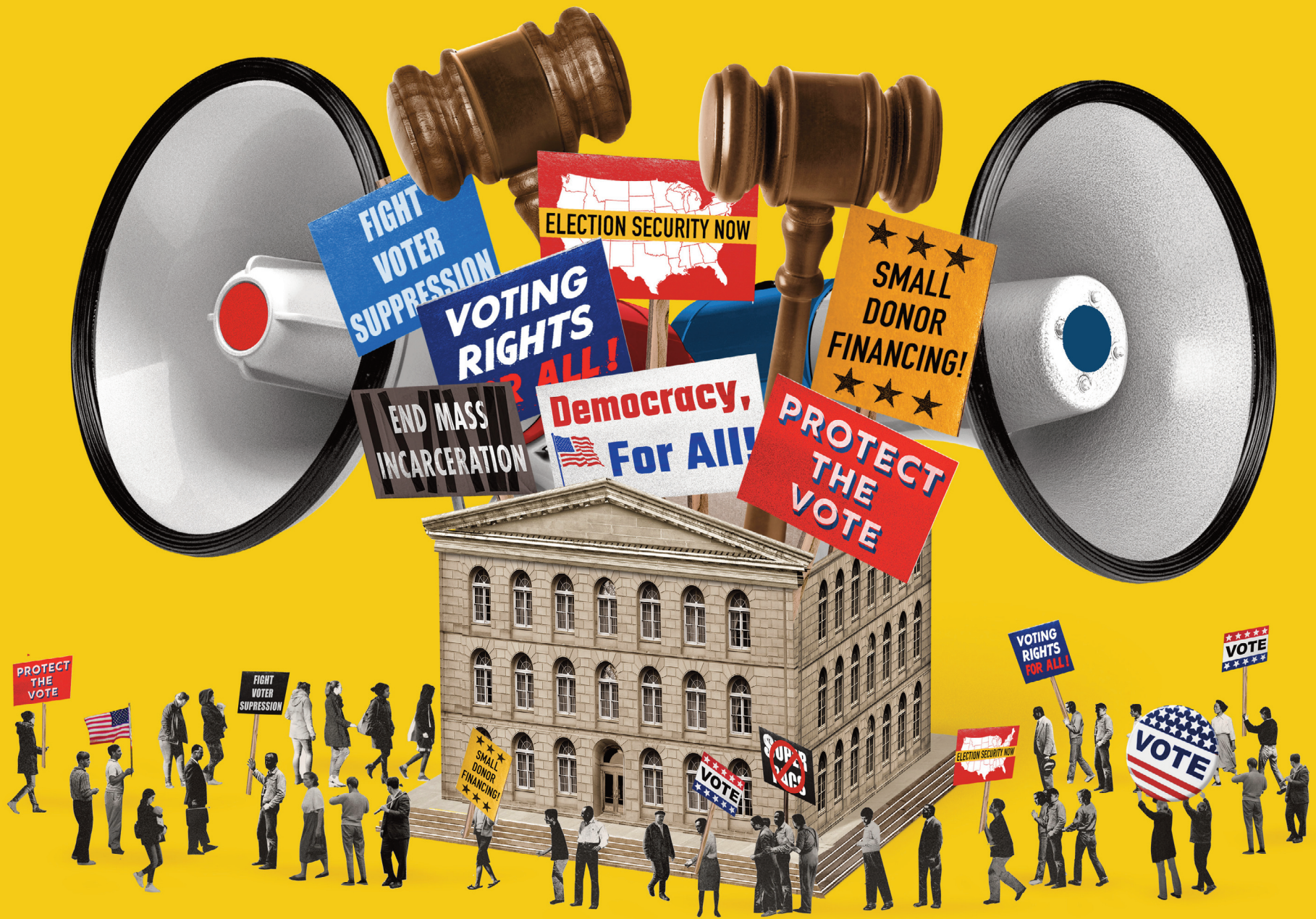
*Michael Waldman*

### **Remembering Rep. John Lewis**

*Anna Deavere Smith*

### **Rise to Action**

*Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II*



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# Welcome

Welcome to the annual Brennan Legacy Awards Dinner—2020 style! Yes, this is a night when we normally would be gathering together in New York City. In a year that has been anything *but* normal, we are grateful that technology enables us to improvise, if only on screen.

Our Legacy Awards are just one of the ways we pay tribute to the memory of Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. ... celebrate the work of the institution that bears his name ... and honor those who exemplify his values and vision.

This year we have chosen to dedicate this evening's program to many of the private and public sector partners, heroes, influencers, and allies we've honored in years past—and who remain so critical to the fights for democracy and justice we all continue to wage.

We all know too well that it has been a time of testing and deep pain for the country. So many have lost so much. For our part, the Brennan Center has worked to rise to the challenge and to meet the moment. You'll hear tonight more about our work from several of our colleagues.

As ever, we extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors, and to all our supporters, pro bono partners, Board members, and staff. Your commitment makes possible the Center's mission to reform, revitalize, and defend our nation's systems of democracy and justice.

Whatever happens in the election and its aftermath, we know the fights will go on. And in all we do, we'll remain guided by the words of Justice Brennan: "If our free society is to endure, and I know it will, those who govern must recognize that the Framers of the Constitution limited their power in order to preserve human dignity and the air of freedom, which is our proudest heritage... We all share the burden."

Thank you for your partnership in carrying that burden—and for all you contribute to the Brennan Center community. I truly look forward to raising a glass with you at *next* year's Legacy Awards.

Sincerely,



Michael Waldman  
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**Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II** | President, Repairers of the Breach | 2017 Legacy Award Honoree



**Kathy Behrens** | President, Social Responsibility & Player Programs, NBA



**Preet Bharara** | Former U.S. Attorney | 2018 Legacy Award Honoree



**Cory Booker** | United States Senator for New Jersey | 2010 Legacy Award Honoree



**Caron Butler** | NBA Champion and Advocate



**Anna Deavere Smith** | Actress, Playwright, Teacher and Author | 2005 Legacy Award Honoree



**Liza Goitein** | Co-Director, Liberty and National Security, Brennan Center for Justice





**Kimberley D. Harris** | Executive Vice President, NBCUniversal | Brennan Center Board member | 2015 Legacy Award Honoree



**Liz Howard** | Senior Counsel, Democracy, Brennan Center for Justice



**Corley Kenna** | Director, Global Communications and PR, Patagonia



**Daniel Lee** | Executive Director, Levi Strauss Foundation



**Desmond Meade** | President, Florida Rights Restoration Coalition | 2019 Legacy Award Honoree



**Franz Paasche** | Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Communications, PayPal | Brennan Center Board member



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## 2017

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Rev. Dr. William Joseph Barber, II

## 2016

Sandra Phillips  
Christopher Jackson

## 2015

Kimberley D. Harris

## 2014

Brad Smith  
Zachary W. Carter

## 2013

Sheri McCoy  
Bill Moyers

Bryan Stevenson

## 2012

Michael S. Solender  
The Hon. Judith S. Kaye

## 2011

Robert M. Morgenthau  
Jane C. Sherburne

## 2010

The Hon. Cory A. Booker  
Indra C. Nooyi

## 2009

The Hon. Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Nicole Seligman

## 2008

Lewis B. Cullman  
Representative Donna F.  
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Jay S. Fishman

## 2007

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John Conyers, Jr.

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## 2006

Richard Cotton  
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## 2005

Bertha Lewis  
Anna Deavere Smith  
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## 2001

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Senator John McCain  
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