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## PROGRAM

The realm of voting technology has become a hot-button issue since the contentious United States presidential election of 2000. The "Help America Vote Act" (HAVA) was passed in 2002 as a response to the 2000 debacle. New York being the last state to comply with HAVA is attempting to replace the lever machines that are currently used in elections. However, New York has not chosen a new voting system to date. This program will look at the issue of voting technology from a federal and local perspective. The heart of the discussion will be mapping the journey New York has taken to comply with HAVA and the consequences of implementing such technologies.

## Topics include:

- History of Voting Equipment
- Help America Vote Act and Relevant Legislation
- Direct-Recording Electronic and Optical Scan Voting Systems
- A study of voting machine use throughout New York State
- The effect of voting machine technology on the legal field

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## 8:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome from President and Dean Thomas F. Guernsey and Opening Remarks

AGENDA

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to voting equipment and technologies

Moderator: Annette Kahler, Esq. Director of the Albany Law School Science & Technology Law Center

10:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Current status and future of voting technology in New York

> Moderator: Professor Sandra Stevenson, Albany Law School

**12:15 – 1:15 p.m.** Lunch

- 1:15 2:15 p.m. Keynote Address
  - Commissioner Gracia Hillman
- 2:25 4:45 p.m. Part I: HAVA and relevant legislation Moderator: TBD

Part II: How modern voting technologies will affect the practice of law, voting rights, and relevant legislation

Moderator: TBD

- 4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks
- 5:00 -6:30 p.m. Reception in the East Foyer

## SPEAKERS (Confirmed to date)

- Commissioner Gracia Hillman United States Election Assistance Commission
- Kimball Brace
  President
  Election Data Services, Inc.
- David Kogelman, Esq. Chair, Help America Vote Act Committee New York Democratic Lawyers Council
- Lawrence Norden, Esq. Counsel Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law
- Paul Herrnson Director Center for American Politics and Citizenship
- **Prof. Richard Niemi** Don Alonzo Watson Professor of Political Science University of Rochester
- State Sen. Martin Connor New York State Senator for the 25th Senate District
- **Bo Lipari** Executive Director New Yorkers for Verified Voting
- Commissioner John Graziano Albany County Board of Elections
- Commissioner Edward Szczesniak Onondaga County Board of Elections
- Thomas J. Spargo, Esq. Election Law Attorney