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League of Women Voters Sponsors Program on Voter Suppression

On February 27 at 6:30pm, the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County will be presenting the second of three programs in their *Making Democracy Work* series. The topic is *Dying to Vote in America: Countering Strategic Efforts to Suppress Voting Rights*. It will be held at Skidmore's Palamountain Hall in the Gannett Auditorium.

Chris Deluzio, Esq, will be the speaker. He serves as Counsel for the Brennan Center's Democracy Program, where he focuses on voting rights and elections. The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law is one of the nation's leading organizations tracking restrictive voting laws. They have been instrumental in pushing back against such restrictive laws, and winning court rulings to block harsh voter ID laws and voter registration restrictions.

According to the Brennan Center's website, "Changes to voting laws are poised to play a major role in state legislative agendas in 2018...Despite the president's claims of widespread voter fraud in the 2016 election, it is clear fraud is vanishingly rare, and does not happen on a scale even close to that necessary to 'rig' an election..."

Asserting that American elections should be secure and free of misconduct, their published report titled *Election Integrity: A Pro-Voter Agenda* provides a six-part agenda to target fraud risks as they actually exist – without unduly disenfranchising eligible citizens.

Mr. Deluzio received his J.D. magna cum laude from Georgetown Law in 2013 where he was elected to the Order of the Coif, served as an executive articles editor of the Georgetown Law Journal, and was selected as the Top Oralist in the Robert J. Beaudry Moot Court Competition and the Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition. He received his undergraduate degree from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. Following graduation, he served as an active-duty naval officer, which included multiple deployments, including a tour of duty with Army Civil Affairs in Iraq.

The third session in the League's Democracy series, scheduled for March 27, is *The First Amendment: Our Obligation to Assemble, Protest, and Protect the Free Press*. An attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union will be presenting.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and to influence them through education and advocacy. All presentations are free and open to the public. Students of all ages are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit [www.lwvsaratoga.org](http://www.lwvsaratoga.org) or call Pattie Garrett (518) 496-4973.

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An advance feature story would be appreciated.  
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