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Myrna Pérez is Director of the Brennan Center's Voting Rights and Elections Program. An expert on voting rights and election administration, she is the author of several nationally recognized reports

and articles, including [Purges: A Growing Threat to the Right to Vote](#) (July 2018), [Noncitizen Voting: The Missing Millions](#) (May 2017), and [Election Day Long Lines: Resource Allocation](#) (Sept. 2014). Her work has been featured in media outlets across the country, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, MSNBC, and others. She has testified before Congress and several state legislatures on a variety of voting rights related issues. She is a lecturer-in-law at Columbia Law School and has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law at NYU School of Law.

Prior to joining the Brennan Center, Ms. Pérez was the Civil Rights Fellow at Relman, Dane & Colfax, a civil rights law firm in Washington, D.C. She graduated from Columbia Law School, where she was a Lowenstein Public Interest Fellow. Following law school, Ms. Pérez clerked for the Hon. Anita B. Brody of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and for the Hon. Julio M. Fuentes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She previously served as the Chair of the Election Law Committee of the City of New York Bar Association. Ms. Pérez is the recipient of several

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awards, including the Puerto Rican Bar Association Award for Excellence in Academia, the New Jersey League of Women Voters “Making Democracy Work” award, and was named one of 2014’s 50 Hispanic Influentials by *Hispanic Business*.

Ms. Pérez earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Yale University. She obtained a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where she was the recipient of the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Excellence in Public Service. Prior to law school, she was a Presidential Management Fellow, serving as a policy analyst for the United States Government Accounting Office on a range of issues, including housing and health care.

Selected Media Appearances

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Myrna Pérez [joined MSNBC](#) to discuss long waits in the Wisconsin primary and new strict voter ID laws.

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