

Denise D. Lieberman

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Never far from her roots, second-generation legacy Denise D. Lieberman attended Daniel Boone and Flynn Park Elementary and Brittany Woods Middle schools before graduating from University City High School in 1987. She has dedicated her life to social justice as one of the nation's foremost voting rights lawyers.

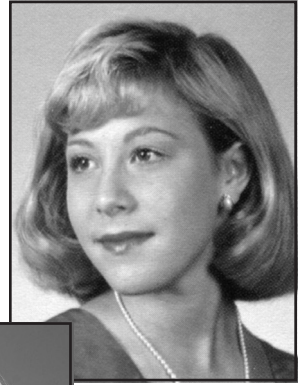
A constitutional and civil rights attorney, she earned her BS in journalism and political science from Northwestern University in 1991 and a JD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1995. She served

as legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri until 2005.

As Senior Attorney for Advancement Project, a national racial justice organization, she is at the forefront of election reform, litigating voting rights cases across the country. She has prepared testimony for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and featured as a legal expert on MSNBC, CNN, and New York Times among others. She is also an adjunct professor of Political Science and Law at Washington University in St. Louis.

She is a recipient of the University City Martin Luther King Spirit Award, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Martin Luther King Human Rights Award, the 2015 T'Ruah National Human Rights Award; the Unsung Hero Award from the St. Louis Human Rights Coalition, and the American Jewish Congress' Democracy in Action Award.

Since the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, she serves as co-chair of the Don't Shoot Coalition, a coalition local social justice organizations.



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