

DONNA LIEBERMAN RECEIVES NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION'S HAYWOOD BURNS AWARD

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Executive Director of NYCLU Recognized for Expanding the Civil Rights of All People

Donna Lieberman, Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU), has been selected to receive the 11th annual Haywood Burns Memorial Award from the New York State Bar Association.

The award, co-sponsored by the Association's Civil Rights Committee and the Committee on Minorities in the Profession, will be presented on Thursday, January 31 at a reception during the State Bar's Annual Meeting in Manhattan.

"Donna Lieberman has been an integral part of the success that the New York Civil Liberties Union has had in expanding the scope and depth of its work," said Chair of the Civil Rights Committee Fernando A. Bohorquez, Jr., (Baker Hostetler LLP). "Through her dynamic leadership, the organization has aggressively pursued both litigation and legislative advocacy in order to protect and enhance the civil liberties and civil rights of all people. As a result, the NYCLU is one of the state's leading voices for freedom, justice and equality, advocating for those whose rights and liberties have been denied. Donna is exactly the type of person who exemplifies the work Dean Burns did, and what he stood for, and we are honored to give her this year's award."

Prior to assuming the position of Executive Director, Ms. Lieberman served the NYCLU as its Associate Director, and founder/director of the organization's Reproductive Rights Project. She began her public interest legal career as a criminal defense attorney in the South Bronx office of the Legal Aid Society. She previously served as Executive Director of the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys and has been a member of the faculty of the Urban Studies Program at City College (New York).

Ms. Lieberman is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard University and earned her law degree (J.D.) from Rutgers University School of Law.