
Times Facts

Robyn joined the *Times* in 1997 as a columnist and member of the Editorial Board. Her weekly column appears in Sunday's Perspective section and is nationally syndicated by Tribune Media Services. Prior to joining the newspaper, Robyn wrote a semimonthly column on issues affecting civil rights and liberties, also for the Perspective section.

Talking Points

- Civil Liberties and Civil Rights Issues

Robyn has appeared on CNN, CBS News, *48 Hours*, National Public Radio and hundreds of local and national television, cable and radio shows.

Education

Robyn is a 1982 honors graduate of Cornell University's School of Industrial & Labor Relations in Ithaca, NY. where she received her B.S. in Industrial Relations. She received her J.D. degree from New York University School of Law in 1985 and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1986.

Background

Robyn began her professional career as a legal associate in a New York law firm researching issues in corporate tax, bankruptcy, estate and labor law. She briefly worked as a ghostwriter for a labor arbitrator, and then joined the Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority as Assistant Director of Labor Relations. In 1987 Robyn became Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah. She took over the directorship of the ACLU of Florida in 1987. As a sideline, in 1992 she began writing a monthly column on current events, social trends and civil rights with *XS Magazine* based in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She joined the *Times* in 1997.

Awards

In 2001 Robyn received the Gardner Beckett Award from the Pinellas County ACLU chapter for outstanding work in the championing of civil liberties. She also received the BBSNews Editors Choice Award in 2001 given by BBSNews.com for excellence in political and social commentary. In 1996 Robyn was a finalist for the Mencken Award, given by the Free Press Association to a peer in recognition of outstanding writing in defense of individual liberty and in opposition to abuses of power.

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