

# Deborah Greenblatt

1946 - 2005



## *Memorial Fund*

### **Courageous Spirit, Warrior, Visionary, Most Remarkable Mother!**

On June 13, 2005, the world lost a respected attorney, a passionate advocate, and a champion of justice. Some of us personally lost a colleague, a mentor, a friend, and a hero.

#### **Some of her accomplishments include:**

- **Deb tirelessly served the community** - she was Executive Director of Carolina Legal Assistance, a non-profit law project, for 23 years.
- **Deb was a lawyer's lawyer** - she successfully led litigation in the landmark cases Willie M. and Thomas S.
- **Deb nurtured collaboration** - she created and supported coalitions that continue to advance the rights of people with disabilities, such as the Special Needs Federation and the Victims with Disabilities Task Force.
- **Deb was an innovator** - she spearheaded the passage of a new law ensuring the safe use of seclusion and restraint in schools, known as The Deborah Greenblatt Act.
- **Deb was a legal warrior** - she led the fight for major disability law reform, such as amending the guardianship statute to allow persons with disabilities to retain some of their rights when a guardian is appointed.
- **Deb was an acknowledged leader**- she received numerous awards, including the Julian T. Pierce Award for Outstanding Advocacy to All and the Bertha Holt Juvenile Justice Award for contributions to juvenile justice and children's rights.

# Deborah Greenblatt Memorial Fund

The Board of Directors of Carolina Legal Assistance has established the Deborah Greenblatt Memorial Fund. This fund will support the pursuit of the goals Deb embraced:

- provide advocacy enforcing the legal rights of children and adults with mental disabilities
- promote public policy and legislative changes which affirm the dignity of North Carolina citizens with disabilities
- foster collaboration across a range of disability professionals

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