

# Randy Susskind

## Wyoming High School Class of 1985

### Deputy Director, Equal Justice Initiative

#### Education & Background

**Wyoming High School Activities:** Soccer 9-12; Tennis 9-11; Basketball 9-10; Intramurals 11-12; Class President 10; Student Council 11-12; Prom Court 11; Latin Club 9-10; Freshman Ensemble 9; Boys Ensemble 10-12; Octette 10, 12; Chorus 9; Choir 10-12; Senior Choir 10-12

**Denison University:** BA Philosophy, 1989

**The Georgetown University Law Center:** JD, 1994

#### Background

Randy graduated from WHS in 1985. In high school, he participated in several sports, including soccer, tennis, and basketball. He also was active in student government, choir, and Latin Club.

Following high school, Randy attended Denison University and graduated with a BA in Philosophy in 1989. After undergrad, Randy continued his education and received his JD degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1994.

#### Career

Randy held several jobs while in school studying to become an attorney. From 1990 – 1993, he served as Voting Section Paralegal for the US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and Law Clerk for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia in Washington DC. In 1993, Randy was a Law Clerk for the Alabama Capital Representation Resource Center, and from 1993 – 1994 while finishing up his JD degree, he served as Student Attorney at the Georgetown University Criminal Justice Clinic.

Since earning his JD degree in 1994, Randy has been Staff Attorney, Senior Attorney, and is currently Deputy Director of Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama. EJI is a non-profit organization that provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. Randy represents people sentenced to death and children sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole. His representation involves trial level and appellate advocacy in both state and federal court, including cases before the United States Supreme Court. He teaches and advises law students and assists lawyers throughout the country in capital litigation. Additionally, he manages several of EJI's public education projects and programs.

Randy resides in New Jersey with his wife, Monique, and their two children, Noah and Alex. They live just outside of New York City where, in addition to working for EJI, he serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Clinical Law at New York University School of Law. Randy frequently provides training, expertise, and consultation on habeas corpus issues and death penalty topics.

#### Awards & Recognition

Contributing editor and chapter author for Alabama Capital Defense Trial Manual and Alabama Postconviction Manual, 2004, 2005, 2009, and 2017.

Contributing editor and author of numerous articles on death penalty litigation for *Equal Justice Quarterly*, 1996-2002.

Author of Note, *Race, Reasonable Articulate Suspicion, and Seizure*, 31 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 327, 1994.

Awarded Best Advocacy in Criminal Justice Clinic, 1994.