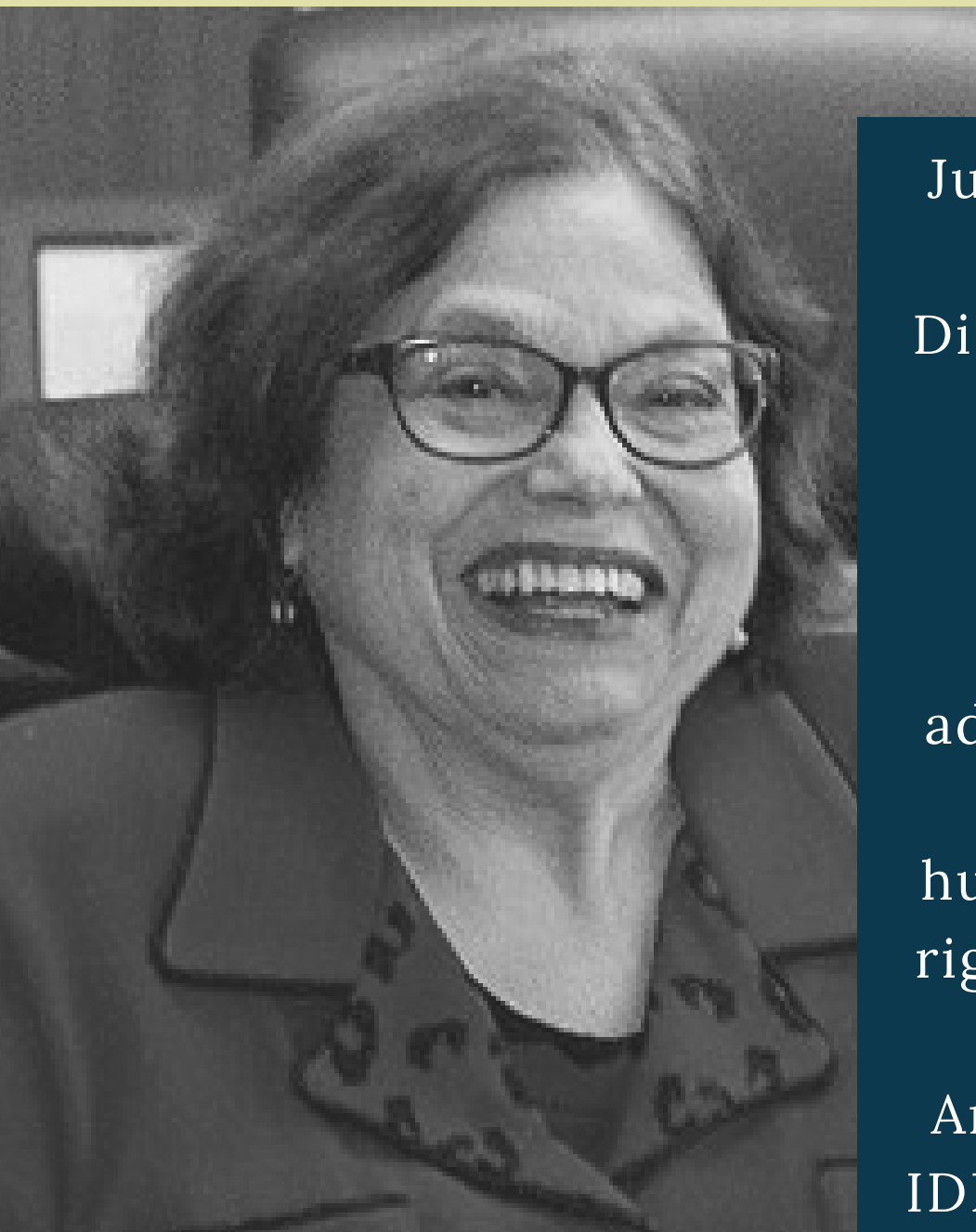




DIGNITY & DISABILITY DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATES

*People who have advocated
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fair treatment of people with
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JUDY HEUMANN

Judy Huemann is disability advocate who was instrumental in the Disability Civil Rights Movement. She was a founding member of the Berkeley Center for Independent Living and served on its board of directors. Being an international advocate, she co-founded the World Institute on Disability. She had a huge political impact, advocating for rights for the disabled in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and IDEA. She has served as: the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services in the Department of Education, the World Bank's first Adviser on Disability and Development, and the first Special Advisor for International Disability Rights at the U.S. Department of State.



PATRISHA WRIGHT

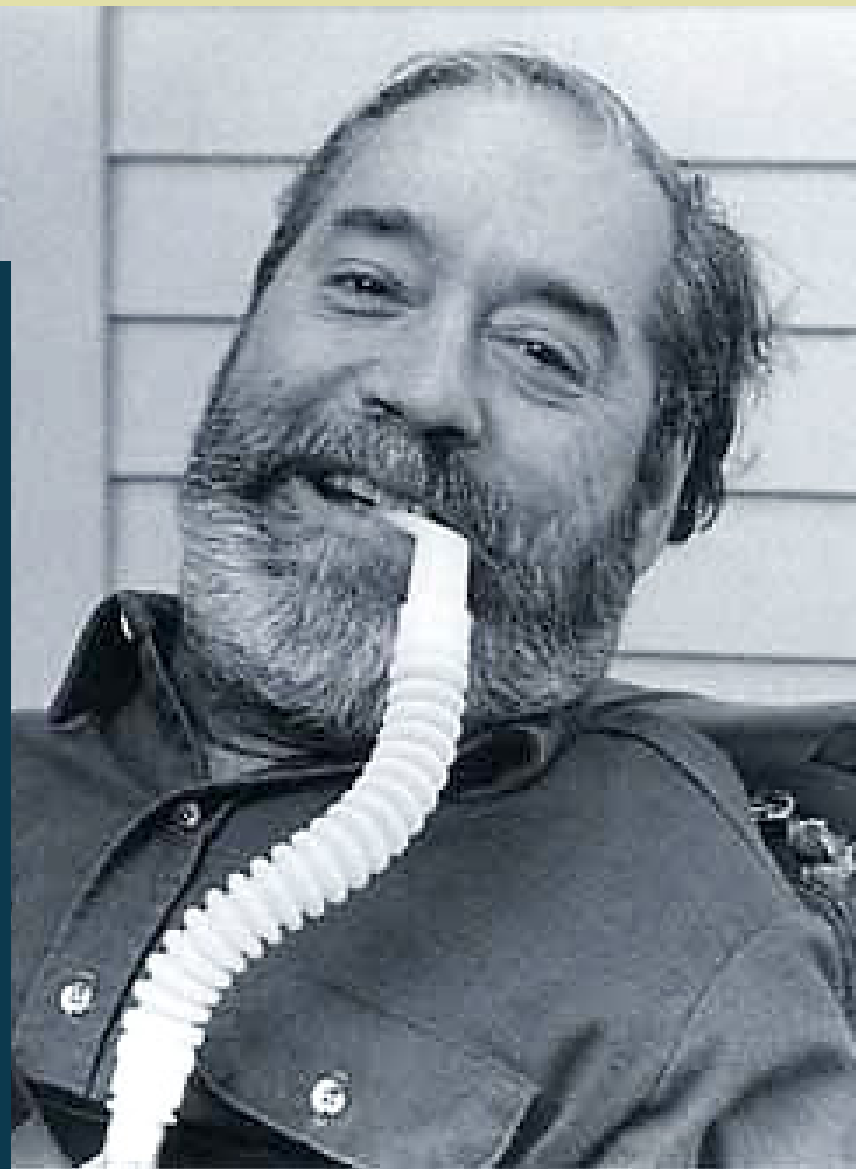
Patricia Wright is known as "The General" for her campaign to enact the Americans with Disabilities Act.

She changed the way lobbyists thought about disability rights, moving to a social model involving people with disabilities. Before this, she was a personal assistant to Judy Heumann in the sit-in to sign Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. For her essential work in the disability civil rights movement, she was awarded the George Bush Medal and the Presidential Citizens Medal. She is Secretary and Vice President of the Baja Coastal Institute.

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ED ROBERTS

Ed Roberts was an American disability rights activist who is considered the founder of the independent living movement. He was the first wheelchair user to attend the University of California, Berkeley, after challenging them to make accommodations for his equipment. At the university, he founded the Center for Independent Living to provide accommodations, services, and peer support to students with disabilities. He also participated in the sit-in for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act to be signed. Later in his life, he was appointed director of the California Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. He advocated for and helped establish independent living centers across the country.



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JAVED ABIDI

Javed Abidi was a disability rights activist in India. He was essential to the passing of bills that guaranteed rights to disabled people in India, including the Persons with Disabilities Act which made polling booths accessible to people with disabilities. He worked with Sonia Gandhi to build the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation's disability unit. He served as director for the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People. He continued to work to make public spaces wheelchair accessible, publish about disability issues, and increase work opportunities for disabled individuals.

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ARI NE'EMAN

Ari Ne'eman is a disability rights activist who co-founded the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network and served as its president. He advocated for policies and led grassroots campaigns for rights for disabled individuals, including rights such as only using restraint in emergency situations. He was appointed to the National Council on Disability in 2016 by Barack Obama and chaired the Policy and Program Evaluation Committee. He was the first autistic person to serve on the council. He has advised several presidential candidates on their disability policy. He is currently a consultant for the American Civil Liberties Union and is pursuing his Ph.D. at Harvard.



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KATHY MARTINEZ



Kathy Martinez is president and CEO of Disability Rights Advocates, the leading national nonprofit disability legal rights center. She served as the Head of Disability and Accessibility Strategy for Wells Fargo. Through positions such as Assistant Secretary of The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) at the U.S. Department of Labor, she has implemented grant programs to put policies into practice that guarantee equal rights for individuals with disabilities in the workplace. She speaks and publishes about many topics related to disability rights advocacy, including the necessity for employing individuals with disabilities.

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