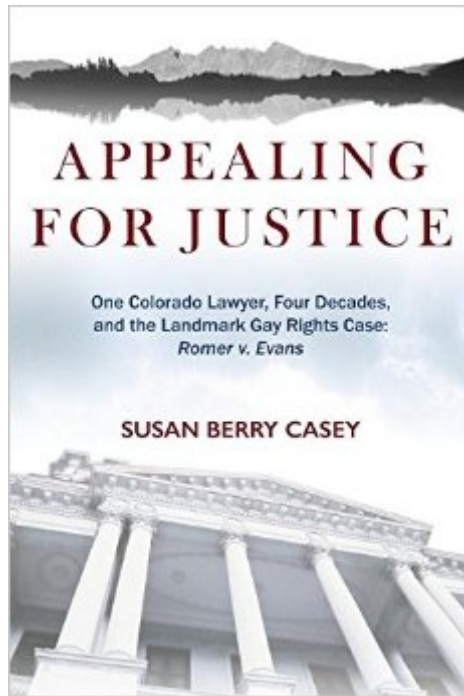


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# Appealing For Justice: One Lawyer, Four Decades And The Landmark Gay Rights Case: Romer V. Evans



## Synopsis

Jean Eberhart Dubofsky came of age when trouble was around every corner, fueled by one grave injustice or another. *Appealing For Justice* is the story of how this shy, unknown, and unheralded woman found her place at the table again and again, then led the way, broke down barriers and helped shape the direction and flow of history. At almost every step, Jean Dubofsky's story mirrors, reflects, or reveals the depth of the injustice, discrimination, and inequality that lay hidden just beneath the surface of the country we thought ourselves to be. Jean Dubofsky made history in 1979 when she was the first woman appointed to the Colorado Supreme Court, then made history again in 1996 at the U.S. Supreme Court when she argued and won the landmark gay rights case, *Romer v. Evans*. Dubofsky's journey from helping to shape and implement the strategy that led to the passage of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, to bringing the first slavery lawsuit since the Civil War, and finally winning at the U.S. Supreme Court is not simply her story, it also is the a story of an entire generation. *Appealing For Justice* allows, for the first time, Jean Dubofsky and *Romer v. Evans* to find their rightful historic place at a critical turning point in the country's unfolding story of equal rights and justice. It is a captivating tale of wild rides, fears and triumph, of hurdles overcome, battles won, and a time in the nation's history that breaks our hearts and renews our spirits.

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When the children of the 1960s began gathering in challenge to America's long-functioning caste system, a lot of them came together in Colorado. That's where I met Jean Eberhart Dubofsky. At a Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzalez Crusade for Justice political march and rally in

Greeley, Colorado. We were all young, newly arrived in Colorado, legal aid lawyers. There were a lot of us. Funded, for godâ™s sake, by the federal government, the social caste systemâ™s concierge! I remember that The People in Charge of Greeley were not amused. Susan Berry Caseyâ™s biography, *Appealing to Justice*, takes up Jeanâ™s story, and uses it, as Helen Thorpe writes, to capture the story of an entire generation- indeed, the story of America over the past half century. Casey describes Jeanâ™s midwestern, middle class Topeka, Kansas childhood, completing high school with both a National Merit Scholarship, and as the nation-wide winner of the Betty Crocker Future Homemaker of America award. Off to Stanford, then to the Womenâ™s Hell Program at Harvard Law Schoolâ™s, and ultimately into legal services for the poor offices set up under President Johnsonâ™s War on Poverty initiatives. Casey also details well Jeanâ™s pivot from public interest law firm lawyer to a public servant law reformer. After years of fighting on behalf of poor people with government and and politically well-connected entities, Jean is invited into powerful positions within Coloradoâ™s state governmentâ™ first as a dominant figure in J.D. MacFarlaneâ™s State Attorney Generalâ™s office, then as Gov. Dick Lammâ™s first woman appointee to the Colorado Supreme Court, at age 37. Casey writes clearly about the war wounds that the first woman-to-do-whatever inevitably receives. But there was always a recovery.

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