

Cynthia M. Deitle

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In March 2021, Cynthia M. Deitle joined the Civil Rights Team at Meta as their Director, Associate General Counsel. Deitle focuses on civil rights, specifically the intersection of law enforcement, hate crimes, investigations, and outreach. Prior to joining Facebook, she served as the Director of Civil Rights Reform at the Matthew Shepard Foundation for four years and led their national hate crime enforcement training program for law enforcement officers and prosecutors.

In 2017, Deitle retired as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) after serving for 22 years specializing in civil rights, particularly in the fields of hate crimes, police abuse and misconduct, community outreach, and victims' rights. She spent ten years in the New York Division working in the Civil Rights Program and served as the lead investigative agent for many high-profile police brutality cases involving the New York City Police Department including the fatal shootings of Amadou Diallo and the sexual assault of Abner Louima. Deitle also investigated a significant number of sensitive hate crimes cases including the death of Yankel Rosenbaum in Crown Heights, NY. Following the events on September 11, 2001, Deitle volunteered to lead the FBI's efforts to assist the families who were impacted by the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. In 2007, Deitle was promoted to a Supervisory Special Agent position in the Civil Rights Unit and was promoted again in 2008 to Chief of the Civil Rights Unit in the FBI. In this role, she managed the Hate Crimes, Color of Law, Human Trafficking programs and partnered with the Domestic Terrorism Unit to combat violence against reproductive health care providers and facilities. She also devoted considerable time to managing the FBI's Civil Rights Cold Case Initiative. In 2011, Deitle transferred to the Boston Division to supervise the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Programs in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. After the 2015 Boston Marathon bombing, she volunteered to assist the families who lost loved ones in the attack. She finished her career in the Knoxville Division where she spent time strengthening the Human Trafficking program.

Deitle is a graduate of The Ohio State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, and a *cum laude* graduate of New England Law Boston where she earned her Juris Doctor degree. Deitle earned a Master of Laws degree in Criminal Law from New York University School of Law and a Master of Laws degree in Constitutional Law from the George Washington University National Law Center. She is licensed to practice law in Florida, Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, and Tennessee. Deitle was featured in a February 2011 episode of *60 Minutes* dealing with an unsolved Civil Rights Cold Case investigation in Mississippi, and she appeared in the first season of Investigation Discovery's series *Injustice Files*.

Deitle is a proud granddaughter of Mexican immigrants and resides with her wife and son in Tennessee. Deitle is involved in her community and is an active member of several nonprofit organizations. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and she volunteers with Children with Diabetes Friend for Life to advocate for families impacted by Type 1 diabetes.