

**Nancy Lieberman**  
**Assistant General Manager of the Texas Legends**

For her accomplishments, Nancy “Lady Magic” Lieberman is widely considered one of the most influential figures in women’s basketball history. She is a true pioneer for all women in sports, with an extensive list of career highlights preceding her current title as Assistant General Manager of the Texas Legends.

In 1975, Lieberman secured one of 12 spots on the USA National Team and went on to earn a silver medal at the World Championships and a gold medal at the Pan American Games. The following year, prior to enrolling at Old Dominion University, Lieberman became the youngest basketball player in Olympic history (male or female) to earn a silver medal at the Summer Olympics in Montreal.

Transitioning to the collegiate stage, Lieberman became a three-time All-American and set several school records that still stand today as a member of the Lady Monarchs. She also led Old Dominion to two consecutive National Championships, a WNIT Championship, and was the first-ever two-time winner of the prestigious Wade Trophy.

After finishing her collegiate career, Lieberman began her professional career with the Dallas Diamonds of the Women’s Basketball League in 1981. She made an immediate impact, leading her team to the 1984 WABA Championship and capturing league MVP honors. Lieberman went on to become the first woman to ever play in regular season games in a U.S. men’s professional league, the USBL, seeing time with the Springfield Fame (1986) and Long Island Knights (1987).

Later touring with the Harlem Globetrotters as a member of the Washington Generals, Lieberman decided to retire from basketball. In 1997 she came out of retirement and was drafted by the Phoenix Mercury during the inaugural season of the WNBA at 39 years of age, making her the oldest player to ever play in the league.

In 1998, Lieberman was named General Manager and Head Coach of the WNBA’s Detroit Shock, where she helmed the team to highest winning percentage of any expansion team in professional sports. In 2008, Lieberman returned to the WNBA for one game with the Detroit Shock, breaking her previous record of the oldest player to ever play in the league, this time at the age of 50.

On November 5, 2009, Nancy Lieberman added a piece of history to her illustrious career when she was appointed head coach of the Dallas Mavericks NBA D-League team. With this position she became the first female head coach in the NBA.

Lieberman has been honored as both an overall sportswoman and a basketball player. In 1996, Lieberman was inducted into the prestigious Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for her accomplishments and was welcomed into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999. In addition to these two great accomplishments, Lieberman was the first woman to be inducted into the NYC Basketball Hall of Fame as well as the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and the Hampton

Roads Hall of Fame. The Nancy Lieberman Point Guard of the Year Award is presented to the top collegiate Point Guard in women's college basketball.

Lieberman has served as ESPN/ABC analyst for the NBA, WNBA, and NCAA basketball coverage. She is also an accomplished author. In 1984, she wrote her first book titled *Basketball My Way* and in 1992 released *Lady Magic: The Autobiography of Nancy Lieberman-Cline*. She also co-authored the book *Basketball for Women* with Robin Roberts in 1995, and her latest book *Playbook for Success* teaches the top sports-related skills that women need to thrive in the corporate world.

Lieberman has made many television appearances on some of America's favorite shows. In 1993, Lieberman was a contender for an episode of *American Gladiators* Gold Medal of Champions, and starred in an episode of *The Cosby Show*. She has also made appearances on *Joni Loves Chachi*, *David Letterman*, *Regis and Kathy Lee* and *The Today Show*.

In 1989 she created the Nancy Lieberman foundation, which uses basketball clinics and camps to teach young girls and boys about drug and alcohol awareness, peer pressure, and the advantages of getting a good education. Additionally, she is involved in charity work with the Special Olympics, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Jimmy V Foundation, National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Lone Star Chapter.

A world-renowned motivational and keynote speaker, Lieberman is an influential communicator with a passion for educating athletes and business leaders to improve efficiency and attain peak performance. She has been featured at events for major organizations such as Nike, Bank of America, FedEx, JP Morgan, and many more. She addresses a myriad of topics including business and sports, image and self esteem, teamwork, winning, working and parenting.