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## The Workways of the United States Supreme Court (Program)

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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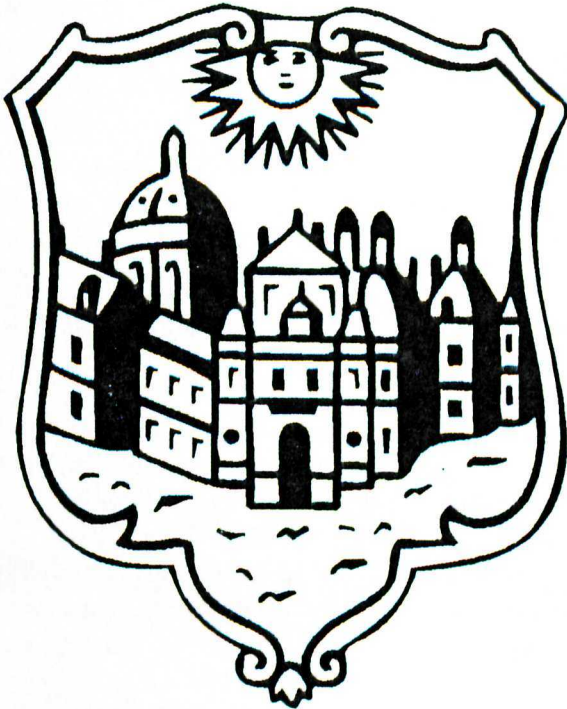
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Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Friday, February 9, 1996

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed to the United States Supreme Court in June, 1993 by President Clinton. Prior to joining the Court, she served for 13 years on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Justice Ginsburg began her legal career at the Harvard Law School. After two years there, she transferred to Columbia Law School, when her husband took a job in New York City. She was elected to the law reviews of both Harvard and Columbia. Upon graduation, she took a job as a legal secretary. She later became the first female tenured professor at Columbia Law School.

Justice Ginsburg has been referred to as the "Thurgood Marshall of gender equality law." From 1973 to 1976, she argued six women's rights cases before the Supreme Court and won five of them. At the time, she was director of the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

At the ceremony announcing her appointment to the Court, Justice Ginsburg specially cited her husband, Professor Martin Ginsburg, "who has been, since our teen-age years, my best friend and biggest booster." She also spoke eloquently of her mother, Celia Amster Bader, who died when her daughter was just 17. She closed her remarks by saying "I pray that I may be all that she would have been had she lived in an age when women could aspire and achieve and daughters are cherished as much as sons."

**Introduction of Justice Ginsburg**

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**The Workways of the United  
States Supreme Court**

**Ruth Bader Ginsburg,  
Associate Justice  
United States Supreme Court**

**There will be an informal reception following Justice Ginsburg's  
talk, on the Gallery Level of the University Center.**