

Statement from Chief Justice Roberts  
June 28, 2010

IT IS MY VERY SAD DUTY TO ANNOUNCE THAT MARTIN DAVID GINSBURG, HUSBAND OF OUR COLLEAGUE, JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG, DIED YESTERDAY, JUNE 27, 2010, AT HOME IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARTIN GINSBURG WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK ON JUNE 10, 1932. HE EARNED AN A.B. FROM CORNELL UNIVERSITY IN 1953 AND A J.D. MAGNA CUM LAUDE FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IN 1958.

MARTIN GINSBURG AND RUTH BADER GINSBURG MET AT CORNELL ON A BLIND DATE IN 1951 AND WERE MARRIED ON JUNE 23, 1954 AT HIS PARENTS' HOME ON LONG ISLAND.

MARTIN GINSBURG SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM 1954 UNTIL 1956 AND WAS STATIONED AT FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA WHERE HE TAUGHT IN THE ARTILLERY SCHOOL. HE HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE LAW, FIRST IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, AND LATER AS A RENOWNED LAW PROFESSOR KNOWN NOT ONLY FOR HIS ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT ALSO HIS SHARP WIT AND ENGAGING CHARM. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A TAX PROFESSOR NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL AND CONTINUED AT COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL. WHEN RUTH BADER GINSBURG WAS APPOINTED TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT IN 1980, MARTIN GINSBURG JOINED THE FACULTY OF THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER. HE WAS A VISITING PROFESSOR AT STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL, AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL. HE SERVED ON MANY ADVISORY BODIES AND DESERVEDLY WON NUMEROUS ACADEMIC ACCOLADES AND AWARDS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BAR OF THIS COURT. HE WAS ALSO A GOURMET COOK.

MARTIN GINSBURG WAS AS LOVING AS HE WAS GIFTED. HE WAS A DEVOTED HUSBAND, FATHER, AND GRANDFATHER, AND HE WAS A DEAR FRIEND TO EVERYONE AT THE COURT. AS A MARK OF OUR SORROW AND AFFECTION FOR MARTIN, JUSTICE GINSBURG, AND THEIR FAMILY, THE JOURNAL OF THE COURT WILL NOTE THAT THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS COURT TODAY IS IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR MARTIN DAVID GINSBURG.