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Remembering the Indomitable RBG



Many of us are still mourning the passing of Justice Ginsburg. Martina Gallegos and Shirley McLaughlin share their thoughts below. Many thanks to Sofia Nixon-Cervantes and Cynthia Walrod for the photograph.

The collective loss to our nation of the icon that was, and is, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, has hit me hard. She was appointed Supreme Court Justice when I was in the midst of paralegal studies, and discovering her long & storied career became a personal inspiration for me as I juggled work and school. I remain a steadfast fan. As RBG evolved to become a mainstay of the Court with her meticulous opinions and dissents, she continued to be a voice of conscience. She consistently maintained her fight against gender discrimination and promoted justice for ALL of us. A pioneer, an inspiration, a tiny powerhouse – RBG epitomized a true woman of substance – staying level-headed and using her talents to effect change. RBG showed us all what determination and a refusal to bow to pressures while keeping an eye on a righteous path, can do for the public good. Notorious, yes, but victorious, too, RBG’s legacy lives on.

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Heartfelt gratitude to you, and may you rest in power & peace, Sister Ruth.

Martina Gallegos

She was an essential part of our democracy, even (and especially) when her voice was only heard in dissent. As a lawyer and a woman, I hope I can do my small part to honor her legacy and continue to push for equal protection under the law for all people.

Shirley McLaughlin



Reigning over the paralegal suite and keeping order.

Sofia Nixon-Cervantes