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## JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Justice Ginsburg embodies the majesty of the law – in her person and in her jurisprudence. A lifetime dedicated to justice, justice under law. And a vision that the law can achieve justice where it's most needed.

On the Supreme Court we see her application of this vision to every sort of case, every kind of issue. The opinions she authors show a depth of worldly experience – a deep understanding that the law deals with reality, with real people in adversity, with real things like the nation's economy and security and culture – and that the law can achieve a better life, for this nation and all nations.

This principled sense of justice – justice through the processes of law – alone would take Justice Ginsburg to the ChIPs Hall of Fame. But here at ChIPs, we are the fruit of the revolution worked by the notorious lawyer-litigator Ruth Ginsburg – as she led the nation in the cause of equality for all peoples – all genders, all races – as she showed that this could be achieved, through law – and persistence.

Her persistence, clothed in her natural dignity, her wisdom and brilliance, moved the nation to social justice that had eluded us. She took the Constitution to court, and through force of scholarship and intellect and style, she changed the nation.

Starting over forty years ago, in co-founding the Women's Rights Project of the ACLU, she brought the legitimacy of the law to a street-movement of women. Women activists were ridiculed, if not ignored – until lawyer Ginsburg took to the channels of justice through law.



I remember, when I was working at UNESCO, there'd been proposed a UN Convention Against Discrimination Against Women. But nothing happened for years, although women in many countries were far worse off than we. Until lawyer Ginsburg persuaded the Supreme Court that discrimination was contrary to the Constitution. The UN Convention was then adopted – although there's still much to be done, especially in other nations. I commend this direction to ChIPs and the multinational connections of your members.

I must mention Justice Ginsburg's lifelong international interests. Along with everything else, did you know that she coauthored a textbook on civil procedure in Sweden? And I have the privilege of serving on a committee chaired by Justice Ginsburg, to track and understand the applications of international law in the courts. This year, I'll report some interesting developments in the fields of intellectual property law.

Justice Ginsburg has often stressed the importance of organization in achieving change. ChIPs has become a powerful organization of potential impact, to serve women and to serve the areas of law that have brought us together. And through ongoing advances in IP technology, we are in an era of potential human betterment for all persons.

We, you in this room, women who are leaders in law and technology, have a challenge and a responsibility. We have the inspiration of an extraordinary leader, a visionary, a dynamo who made it happen. Justice Ginsburg, by your past and your present, you bring honor to the nation and inspiration to us all.

To know that just causes will get attention, that the law will be tempered by justice – that's what's "notorious" – and that's why Chips is so honored that the Ginsburg team, Justice and Professor – have accepted induction into the ChIPs Hall of Fame.