

APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE GINSBURG

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1993

Present: CHIEF JUSTICE REHNQUIST, JUSTICE BLACKMUN, JUSTICE STEVENS, JUSTICE O'CONNOR, JUSTICE SCALIA, JUSTICE KENNEDY, JUSTICE SOUTER, JUSTICE THOMAS, and JUSTICE GINSBURG.

The Marshal said:

All Rise, the President of the United States.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

On behalf of the Court, Mr. President, I extend to you a warm welcome. This special sitting of the Court is held today to receive the commission of the newly appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The Court now recognizes the Attorney General of the United States, Ms. Janet Reno.

The Attorney General said:

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE and may it please the Court, I have the commission which has been issued to the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The commission has been duly signed by the President of the United States and attested by me as the Attorney General of the United States. I move that the Clerk read the commission and that it be made part of the permanent records of this Court.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Thank you, Ms. Reno, your motion is granted. Mr. Clerk, will you please read the commission?

The Clerk read the commission:

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To All Who Shall See These Presents, Greeting:

KNOW YE; That reposing special trust and confidence in the wisdom, uprightness, and learning of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, of New York, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint her an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and do authorize and empower her to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to the Constitution and Laws of the said United States, and to Have and to Hold the said Office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, unto Her, the said Ruth Bader Ginsburg, during her good behavior.

In Testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made patent and the seal of the Department of Justice to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

[SEAL]

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

By the President:

JANET RENO,
Attorney General

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

I now ask the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court to escort Justice Ginsburg to the bench.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Justice Ginsburg, are you ready to take the oath?

Justice Ginsburg said:

I am.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Please repeat after me.

Justice Ginsburg said:

I, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons and do equal right to the poor and to the rich and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States under the Constitution and Laws of the United States, so help me God.

RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of October, 1993.

WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

Chief Justice

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

JUSTICE GINSBURG, on behalf of all the members of the Court, it is a pleasure to extend to you a very warm welcome as an Associate Justice of the Court and to wish for you a long and happy career in our common calling.