



A Message from Co-President Angela Heart

What would Ruth do?

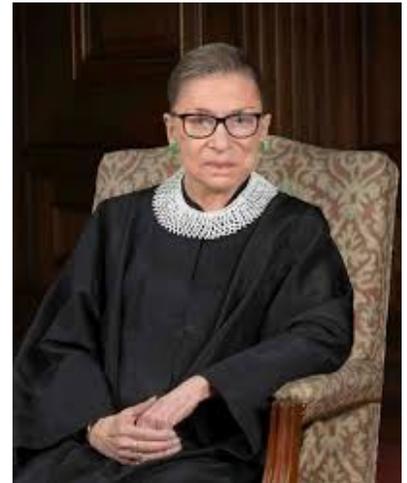
I wanted to start by reflecting on one of America's most inspiring and courageous woman, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. While I agree this loss is simply immeasurable, important is what the country has gained on account of her determination and sense of what's right.

As I read the memorials and numerous articles, what hit me hard was her sense of purpose. And with that comes self-reflection and my connection with collaborative practice and in particular in family law. I was drawn to this area because of this sense of purpose and my need to feel like I was helping. The values installed on me through trainings, practice and mentoring where the focus is on the family and working together to solve problems, will carry with me no matter what case or where my work takes me.

But Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death makes me want to rise up and be stronger and more like her in every way. While everyone who practices family law to me is awe-inspiring, there is no time like the present to challenge yourself more and when faced with a challenge ask yourself "What would Ruth do?" She will be in my back pocket from now on and always.

I can't help but share blogger Donna Ashworth's words here:

*When a woman like this leaves our mortal coil,
we owe it to her not to grieve,
not to weep or be sad.
We owe it to her to rise.*



To all be a little more like her..

*To be louder, braver,
so that the girls born today have new heroines to look
up to.*

That's what she would want.

*RIP Ruth Bader Ginsburg
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