Statement Issued by Litigation Section Chair Douglas N. Silverstein:

We have lost a giant among us. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s passing is a devastating loss to all of us. We pause in sorrow to reflect on Justice Ginsburg’s nearly three decades of distinguished service on our nation’s highest court.

Justice Ginsburg represented the very best of America. A descendant of immigrants, she broke through multiple barriers, overcame significant adversity, and shattered glass ceilings on her path to previously unimagined heights. Justice Ginsburg was a trailblazer for justice long before she served on our highest court, where she continued her unwavering commitment to the Constitution, gender equality, and as the champion for the equal treatment of all Americans.

We, as a society, are better today because of Justice Ginsburg's service, up until her very last breath. We, as a people and as a country, will forever stand on her brave shoulders as we continue the fight for equality.

The Litigation Section honors Justice Ginsburg’s life and service to our country and the rule of law today, and always. In a time where civility and decorum are most needed, may we all commit to put her philosophy into our daily practice of law:

“Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”
--Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933 – 2020)