

IN CELEBRATION OF EVA HANKS

Hon. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

For my starting days as a law teacher in 1963, Eva Hanks had paved the way. Joining the Rutgers (Newark) law faculty the year before, she was among less than 20 women in tenure-track positions at law schools across the country. The excellence of her teaching eased my acceptance by my colleagues. Because of Eva, I was not regarded as a curiosity.

Environmental protection engaged Professor Hanks' attention in early days for that field of law, following on her interest and expertise in water law. Her scholarship in that area was pioneering. Legions of lawyers and law students profited from her efforts.

Eva's first law degree was earned in Germany. When I was preparing the brief for the turning point gender discrimination case in the U.S. Supreme Court, *Reed v. Reed*, 404 U.S. 71 (1971), Eva assisted me, in those pre-P.C. days, by translating two pathmarking decisions of the then West German Constitutional Court. Both held longstanding gender-based differentials in the law unconstitutional. The message I sought to convey: How far behind West Germany's high court could the U.S. Supreme Court be?

Cardozo had the great good fortune to enlist Professor Hanks as a member of its founding faculty. She has graced the faculty, for a time as Associate Dean, with extraordinary intelligence, diligence, and devotion. May she thrive in her life's next chapter, in the unhurried enjoyment of things she treasures—great art, books she has saved to read, engaging theatre, beautiful music, particularly nights at the opera, never mind how long they run.