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2015 TANNER LECTURE ON HUMAN VALUES

A Conversation With  
**RUTH BADER  
GINSBURG**

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015**

Hill Auditorium

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## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

### **Scott Hershovitz**



## RUTH BADER GINSBURG

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Ruth Bader Ginsburg was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 15, 1933. She received her BA from Cornell University, attended Harvard Law School, and received her LLB from Columbia Law School. She served as a law clerk to the Hon. Edmund L. Palmieri, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, from 1959–1961. From 1961–1963, she was a research associate and then associate director of the Columbia Law School Project on International Procedure. She was a professor of law at Rutgers University School of Law from 1963–1972, and Columbia Law School from 1972–1980, and a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Stanford, California, from 1977–1978. In 1971, she was instrumental in launching the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, and served as the ACLU’s general counsel from 1973–1980, and on the National Board of Directors from 1974–1980. She was appointed a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1980. President Clinton nominated her as an associate justice of the Supreme Court, and she took her seat August 10, 1993. She married Martin D. Ginsburg in 1954, and has a daughter, Jane, and a son, James.

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**SCOTT HERSHOVITZ**

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Scott Hershovitz is a professor of law and a professor of philosophy at the University of Michigan. He also directs the Law and Ethics Program. Prior to joining the faculty at Michigan, he clerked for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Hon. William A. Fletcher of the Ninth Circuit. He was also an attorney-adviser on the appellate staff of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Professor Hershovitz earned an AB in political science and philosophy and an MA in philosophy from the University of Georgia. He also holds a JD from Yale and a DPhil in law from the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. Professor Hershovitz teaches and writes about jurisprudence and tort law. His publications include "The Model of Plans and the Prospects for Positivism" (*Ethics*, 2014), "The Role of Authority" (*Philosophers' Imprint*, 2011), "Harry Potter and the Trouble with Tort Theory" (*Stanford Law Review*, 2010), and "Two Models of Tort (and Takings)" (*Virginia Law Review*, 2006). His forthcoming work includes "The End of Jurisprudence" (*Yale Law Journal*, 2015).

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**KATE ANDRIAS**

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Kate Andrias is an assistant professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School. She teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional and administrative law, labor law, and the law of democracy. Professor Andrias previously served as special assistant and associate counsel to the President of the United States, and as chief of staff of the White House Counsel's Office. While in the White House, she focused on constitutional and administrative law issues and on domestic policy, including labor and immigration. Prior to joining the Obama administration, Professor Andrias was an attorney in the Washington, D.C., office of Perkins Coie LLP, where she practiced in the political law and appellate litigation groups. In addition, she clerked for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Hon. Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and taught American Constitutional Law as a visiting professor at L'Institut d'Études Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris. Professor Andrias earned her BA and JD from Yale. While at Yale Law School, she served on the *Yale Law Journal* and as a Coker Fellow. Prior to law school, Professor Andrias worked as a union organizer.

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