

Ruth Bader Ginsberg: A Disability Rights Hero

Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you

A champion for all people



Justice Ginsberg championed equality in all aspects of society. One of the first female members of the prestigious Harvard Law Review, RBG was frequently a pioneering woman in a male-dominated society and profession. She went on to become the first female tenured professor at Columbia University. RBG's work has forever shaped law and protected the rights of women, members of the LGBTQ community, disabled people, and people from all marginalized groups including non-US citizens seeking protection



Landmark Cases Include:

- United States v. Virginia, 1996
- Olmstead v. LC, 1999
- Bush v. Gore, 2000
- Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, 2007
- Shelby County v. Holder, 2013
- Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, 2016
- Sessions v. Dimaya, 2018

The Olmstead Decision

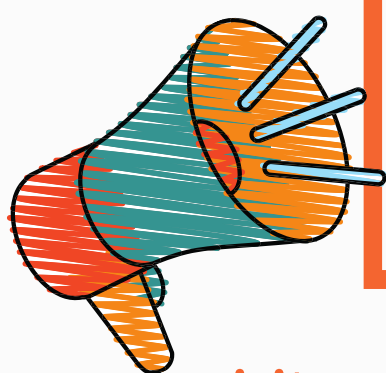


Olmstead v. L.C. (1999)

The Supreme Court held that people with disabilities **have a qualified right** to receive state funded supports and services in the community rather than institutions when the following three part test is met:

- the person's treatment professionals determine that community supports are appropriate;
- the person does not object to living in the community; and
- the provision of services in the community would be a reasonable accommodation when balanced with other similarly situated individuals with disabilities.

This ruling was made possible by the Americans with Disabilities Act



"Institutional placement of persons who can handle and benefit from community settings perpetuates unwarranted assumptions that persons so isolated are incapable or unworthy of participating in community life"

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