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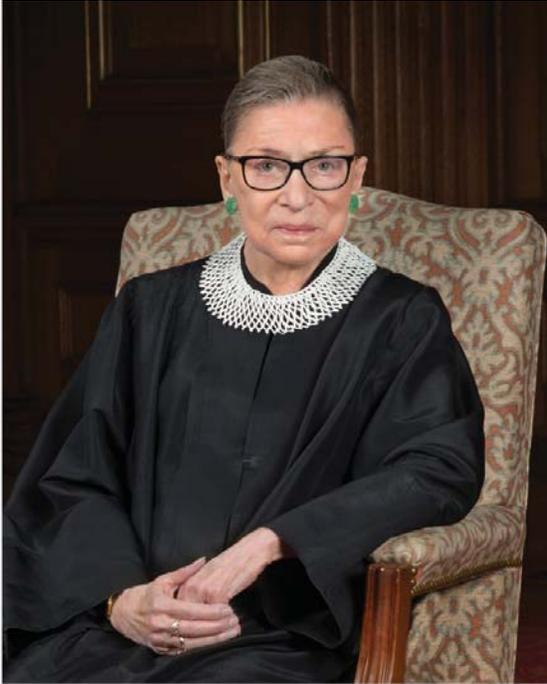
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Closing Remarks

For Sybil Shainwald, endowing the Sidney Shainwald Public Interest Lecture Series is a meaningful way to pay homage to the extraordinary life and career of her husband. For New York Law School, it is an opportunity to further Sidney's efforts and to honor a man who was invaluable in both his life and work.

RUTH BADER GINSBURG



Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice, was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 15, 1933. She married Martin D. Ginsburg in 1954, and has a daughter, Jane, and a son, James. She received her B.A. from Cornell University, attended Harvard Law School, and received her LL.B. from Columbia Law School. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable 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 co-founded 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 served on the Board and Executive Committee of the American Bar Foundation from 1979-1989, on the Board of Editors of the American Bar Association Journal from 1972-1978, and on the Council of the American Law Institute from 1978-1993. She was appointed a Judge of the United States 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.

NADINE STROSSEN



Nadine Strossen, the John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law at New York Law School, has taught and advocated extensively in constitutional law, civil liberties and international human rights. She is the immediate past President of the American Civil Liberties Union (1991-2008), the first woman to head the nation's largest and oldest civil liberties organization. Strossen now serves on the ACLU's National Advisory Council, as well as the National Advisory Boards of the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), and Heterodox Academy (HxA). The National Law Journal has named Strossen one of America's "100 Most Influential Lawyers," and

several other national publications have named her one of the country's most influential women. In 2017, Strossen received the American Bar Association's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award.

When Strossen stepped down as ACLU President in 2008, three Supreme Court Justices (Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Antonin Scalia, and David Souter) participated in her farewell/tribute luncheon. Strossen's forthcoming book, *HATE: Why We Should Resist It With Free Speech, Not Censorship* will be published by Oxford University Press in May 2018. Prominent First Amendment lawyer Floyd Abrams said the following about it: "Nadine Strossen's insightful and eminently readable study on why we protect [hateful] speech and why we should continue to do so is an all-too-rare example of first-rate legal scholarship that the public at large can learn from and savor reading."

When Strossen received the ABA's Brent Award, the August, 2017 ABA Journal profile of her stressed the crucial impact that Ruth Bader Ginsburg has had on Strossen's career:

Strossen says one of her most inspiring moments as a law student at Harvard University was attending a guest lecture by fellow Brent award honoree Ginsburg. "She was then serving as the founding director of the ACLU Women's Rights Project, and she ignited my interest in the ACLU as the ideal avenue for promoting 'liberty and justice for all,'" Strossen says.

Strossen adds: "Justice Ginsburg has continued to serve as an incredibly generous, inspiring mentor throughout my career, including by graciously accepting an invitation to address the 1999 NYLS Law Review banquet and by speaking at the luncheon in my honor when I stepped down as ACLU President. She is the role model whom I aspire to emulate in my interactions with students and younger lawyers."

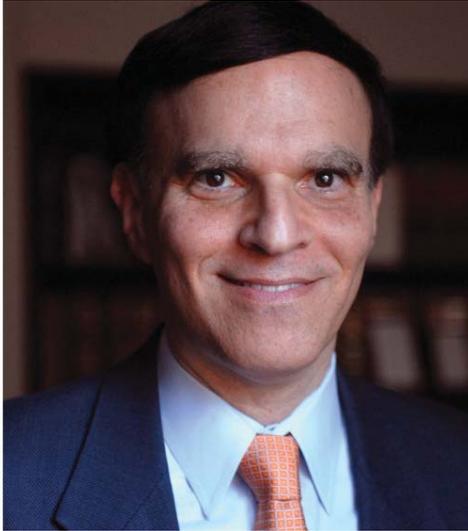
KENNETH R. FEINBERG



Kenneth R. Feinberg is one of the Nation's leading experts in alternative dispute resolution, having served as Special Master of the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, the Department of Justice Victims of State-Sponsored Terrorism Fund, the Department of the Treasury's TARP Executive Compensation Program and the Treasury's Private Multiemployer Pension Reform program. He was also Special Settlement Master of the Agent Orange Victim Compensation Program. In 2010, Mr. Feinberg was appointed by the Obama Administration to oversee compensation of victims of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Most recently, he has served as Administrator of the New York State Dioceses' Independent Reconciliation

and Compensation Funds, the One Orlando Fund, the GM Ignition Switch Compensation Program, and One Fund Boston Compensation Program arising out of the Boston Marathon bombings. He is currently the Court-appointed Settlement Master in the Fiat/ Chrysler Diesel Emissions class action litigation in San Francisco. He has been appointed mediator and arbitrator in thousands of complex disputes over the past 35 years.

ROBERT A. KATZMANN



Robert A. Katzmann is Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, assuming that position on September 1, 2013. At his appointment to the federal bench in 1999, he was Walsh Professor of Government, Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University; a Fellow of the Governmental Studies Program of the Brookings Institution; and president of the Governance Institute.

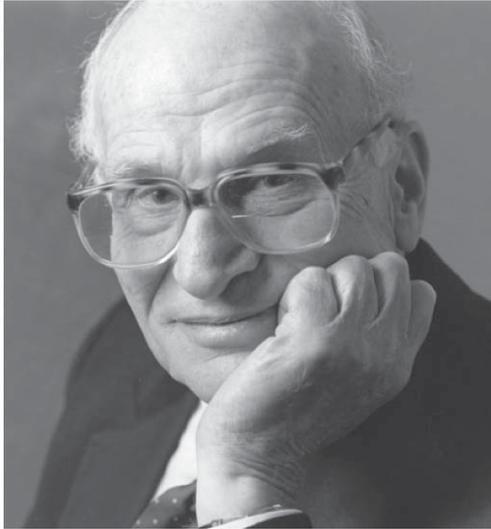
A lawyer and political scientist by training, Judge Katzmann received his A.B. (summa cum laude) from Columbia College, A.M. and Ph.D in government from Harvard University, and a J.D. from the Yale Law School, where he was an Article

and Book Review Editor of the Yale Law Journal. After clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, he joined the Brookings Institution, where he was a research associate, senior fellow, visiting fellow, and acting program director. His books include: the recently published *Judging Statutes; Regulatory Bureaucracy; Institutional Disability; Courts and Congress*; editor and project director of *The Law Firm and the Public Good*; co-editor of *Managing Appeals in Federal Court*; editor and contributing author of *Daniel Patrick Moynihan: The Intellectual in Public Life*; and editor and contributing author of *Judges and Legislators*. In 2007, he delivered the Marden Lecture of the New York City Bar Association, “The Legal Profession and the Unmet Needs of the Immigrant Poor” and later launched the Study Group on Immigrant Representation from which emanated the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project, the first government funded program providing counsel for detained non- citizens. He conceived of and sparked the creation of the Immigrant Justice Corps, the country’s first fellowship program dedicated to meeting the need for high-quality legal assistance for immigrants.

As Chief Judge, he launched a wide-ranging civic education initiative of the federal courts of the Second Circuit: “Justice For All: Courts and the Community” to increase public understanding of the federal judiciary and to bring courts closer to the communities they service. During his tenure as Chief Judge, the Court of Appeals has also undertaken a 125th anniversary retrospective.

His honors include the Learned Hand Medal of the Federal Bar Council, the Edward Weinfeld Award of the New York County Lawyers Association, the Fuld Award of the New York State Bar Association, the Green Bag award for legal writing, the Charles E. Merriam Award of the American Political Science Association, membership as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and honorary degrees from New York Law School, John Jay College, and Pace University. He has served on many judicial and governmental committees, and on law school boards, including as Chair of the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Judicial Branch, and as a Commissioner of the Supreme Court Fellows Commission.

SIDNEY SHAINWALD



The reason we are here today at the 10th Sidney Shainwald Lecture is to honor the memory of my remarkable partner, Sidney Shainwald. Sidney was an unusual man; a combination of a dreamer and a pragmatist; a thinker and a doer; a political junkie working for democratic ideals with a lifelong commitment to social and economic justice, as well as gender equality.

He even joined Emily's List before I did and contributed to women's campaigns. A remarkable husband, father and friend, he was proud that I went to New York Law School four nights a week for four years to earn my law degree.

Sidney believed it was essential to create a more harmonious and peaceful world. He joined several radical organizations which had the same ideals and goals. Upon his return from serving in the South Pacific during WWII, Sidney became a partner in a public accounting firm – sharing his desk with I.F. Stone, the author of the *I.F. Stone Weekly*, definitely a radical leftist paper.

Being deeply committed to the arts, Sidney represented some of the greatest artists and entertainers of the twentieth century, including Marc Chagall, Jacques Lipschitz, Naum Gabo, George Grosz, Peggy Guggenheim, Mike Todd, Zero Mostel, David Merrick, Albert and Mary Lasker, Josh Logan, Dinah Shore, Eddie Albert, London Film Products, Tricolor Films, Ltd., Magnum Photos and The Palestine Economic Corp. He was also the accountant for and astute investor in several shows and movies, including *Fanny*, *The Bells are Ringing* and *Around the World in Eighty Days*.

In 1939, at the age of twenty-two, Sidney wrote his thesis, the first on the subject, titled "Consumer Product Testing: A Comparative Analysis". He defined the responsibilities of Consumers Union to include not only product testing but reporting on the conditions under which the products are made. He noted:

CU feels that it has a definite responsibility in reporting on the conditions under which the products are made, since it is the workers who comprise more than 90 percent of the consumers. CU feels that it is not enough to provide consumers with information which enables them to save money by buying one brand of a commodity rather than another; it also

wants to help them materially in their struggle as workers, to obtain an honest wage. CU does this by letting consumers know what products are manufactured under good labor conditions so that, when possible, they can favor them in their purchases, and by letting them know what products are produced under unfair conditions, so that consumers can avoid such products. These labor reports supplement the actual ratings as to “Best Buy,” “Also Acceptable,” and “Not Acceptable,” but in no way influence the ratings.

For Sidney, social justice was the desired result; Consumers Union was the mechanism through which to achieve it. It was much more than a magazine: it was a movement for change. The founders of the organization believed that product testing was a means to organize consumers to promote their welfare. CU’s goal was not merely to evaluate products but to “initiate, to cooperate with, and to aid group efforts of whatever nature – seeking to create and maintain decent living standards for ultimate consumers.”

The editor of Consumer Reports lauded him: “Sidney is among a small handful of the most principled human beings I have ever known.” He was CU’s liaison to its worldwide consumer organizations. In that role he gave speeches and sponsored fledgling organizations.

John Kerry noted, “Sidney Shainwald had a remarkable career as really the person who created consumer awareness, consumerism and consumer accountability and did such an extraordinary job in changing people’s attitudes.”

Sidney paid tribute to the founding president of Consumers Union. “If Consumer Reports were to make a product evaluation of Dr. Colston Warne, it might read something like this: “A unique model, a once-in-a-lifetime production, exceedingly efficient....Definitely top-rated and the best buy ever”. The same can be said for Sidney Shainwald.

SIDNEY SHAINWALD PUBLIC INTEREST LECTURERS
(2004 TO PRESENT)

April 22, 2004

Kenneth R. Feinberg, Esq.

Special Master, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund
The Feinberg Group, LLP

June 1, 2005

Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Senior Senator from Massachusetts

May 2, 2006

The Honorable Stephen G. Breyer

Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court

October 11, 2007

The Honorable Chuck Hagel

Senior Senator from Nebraska

April 29, 2009

The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

April 6, 2010

The Honorable Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Ret.)

United States Supreme Court

March 2, 2012

The Honorable John F. Kerry

Senior Senator from Massachusetts

September 16, 2014

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

House Democratic Leader and 60th Speaker of the House

March 14, 2016

The Honorable George J. Mitchell

Former Senate Majority Leader and U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Peace

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The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court

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