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RBG WHITE GLOVE SALE RAISES NEARLY HALF A MILLION FOR SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES

The personal collection of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg featured a gold collar, lace gloves, and a gavel, which soared past estimates



Ruth Bader Ginsburg's beaded judicial collar, sold for \$176,775, wooden judge's gavel, sold for \$20,400, pair of cream lace gloves, sold for \$12,750, and a 'Dissent' poster, sold for \$16,575.

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Los Angeles – The **Personal Collection of Ruth Bader Ginsburg** online sale concluded on Friday, September 16, in spectacular fashion with a flurry of activity extending bidding well past the planned closing time. The auction, the final from the collection of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice, achieved white glove status with all lots selling well above their estimates and **achieving \$516,090 overall**. Proceeds from the auction will form the basis of [The RBG Endowment Fund](#), a charitable fund established by [SOS Children's Villages](#), the world's largest organization dedicated to caring for children without parental care or who are at risk of losing it.

The top lot of the sale was one of Ruth Bader Ginsburg's **iconic judicial collars**, gilt glass beads in a woven design, which achieved more than 58 times its estimate when it sold for **\$176,775**. During her trailblazing 27-year service on the Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg chose to style her judicial robes with bold collars, and this was a rare opportunity to own a part of her signature look as many of the others were donated to major museums. An additional signature accessory of which realized exceptional results were **two pairs of Justice Ginsburg's lace gloves** with the cream pair selling for **\$12,750** and the black pair, similar to the ones worn in her iconic portrait for Time's "100 Most Influential People" (2015), reached **\$16,575**. Also highlighting the sale was a **wooden gavel** from Justice Ginsburg's chambers, most recently used at a 2nd Circuit Court conference in Saratoga Springs, New York, which sold for **\$20,400**.



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's pair of judicial bookends, sold for \$15,300, 'Votes for Women' tea service, sold for \$10,837, and opera glasses, sold for \$10,837.

Additional highlights include:

- A **pair of judicial copper and wood bookends** featuring a stamped and painted image of Justice and the initials "RBG" in gothic letters sold for 51 times its estimate at **\$15,300**. The bookends were an early gift to Justice Ginsburg, just a year into her appointment to the Supreme Court.

- A **Votes for Women Seven Piece Tea Service**, a reproduction honoring the suffragette tea party at Marble House, Newport, Rhode Island in 1914 and gifted by her clerks, sold for **\$10,837**, 36 times its estimate.
- A **Framed "Dissent" Silhouette poster**, sent to Justice Ginsburg by fans and hung proudly in her chambers, sold for **\$16,575**, eleven times its estimate.
- Achieving 36 times its estimate, Justice Ginsburg's **black and gold opera glasses**, engraved with "Southern District of New York" sold for **\$10,837**.

In 2019, Justice Ginsburg donated a portion of her Berggruen Prize for Philosophy & Culture to SOS Children's Villages USA. Following her death, personal items were donated to SOS Children's Villages by the Ginsburg family to seed The RBG Endowment Fund, which will be governed by a dedicated committee comprised of SOS Children's Villages USA leadership, members of Justice Ginsburg's family and others as invited.

Each year, 5.5% of The RBG Endowment Fund will be directed to one or more specific programs in the SOS Children's Villages portfolio. Non-political and non-sectarian, SOS Children's Villages' holistic programs are designed to ensure sustained impact and focus on children and their families across all aspects of life, as well as strengthening the communities in which they live.

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Sale: Personal Property of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Location: Los Angeles
Date: September 7-16

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