



City of Cambridge

R-25.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 4, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: On December 26, 2000 Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice Ruth Abrams will celebrate her 70th birthday; and
- WHEREAS: December 26, 2000 is also the date upon which Justice Abrams will step down after a distinguished 28 year career as a jurist on the highest court of the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS: Justice Abrams graduated from Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School; and
- WHEREAS: Immediately after law school, Justice Abrams joined the practice of Abrams, Abrams & Abrams; in 1961 she became an assistant district attorney for the Middlesex District Attorney's Office; and in 1969 she became an assistant attorney general in the Appellate Section of the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General; and
- WHEREAS: In 1972 Governor Michael S. Dukakis appointed Justice Abrams to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, where her keen intelligence, incisive legal analysis and concise legal writing have contributed greatly to the legal community as well as to the entire Commonwealth; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record extending Happy Birthday wishes to Justice Ruth I. Abrams on the occasion of her 70th Birthday; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record extending best wishes to Justice Ruth I. Abrams on her retirement from judicial service; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Justice Ruth I. Abrams on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council December 4, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

w/A On December 26, 2006 Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice Ruth Abrams will celebrate her 70th birthday; and

w/A December 26, 2006 is also the date upon which Justice Abrams will step down after a distinguished 28 year career as a jurist on the highest court of the Commonwealth; and

w/A Justice Abrams graduated from ~~Harvard~~ Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School; and

w/A Immediately after law school, Justice Abrams joined the practice of Abrams, Abrams ~~and~~ + Abrams; ~~and~~ in 1961 she became an assistant district attorney for the Middlesex District Attorney's Office; and in 1969 she became an assistant attorney general in the Criminal Appellate Appellate Section of the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General; and

w/A In 1972 ~~Justice A~~ Governor Michael S. Dukakis appointed Justice Abrams to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, where her keen ^{insightful legal} ~~critical~~ analysis and concise ~~writing~~ ^{intelligent} legal writing have ~~benefitted~~ contributed greatly to the entire legal community ^{as well as} ~~and~~ to the entire Commonwealth; now therefore be it

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**RUTH I. ABRAMS****Supreme Judicial Court**

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Pemberton Square
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 557-1000

547-7111 -
(h) 876-5565

◆ **Judicial Biography**

Born:
Dec. 26, 1930

Massachusetts Bar Admission:
1957

Year Appointed:
1978, by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis

◆ **Education**

Education:
Harvard Law School, 1956
Radcliffe College, 1953

Publications:
Project coordinator and editor, "Handbook for Law
Enforcement Officers (1972).

◆ **Professional**

Legal Employment History:
Assistant attorney general, Appellate Section of Criminal
Division (1969-1971);
Assistant district attorney, Northern District, Middlesex
County (1961-1969);
Abrams, Abrams & Abrams (1957-1961).

◆ **Civic and Community Activities**

Honors:
Recipient, Radcliffe College Distinguished Alumnae Award.

◆ **Reported Decisions**

Opinions Summarized in Lawyers Weekly
2000:

- Arbitration - Reinstatement Of Discharged Employees

- (2000)
- Attorneys - Application For Bar Admission - Qualifications (2000)
- Commercial - Auto Dealers - Challenge To New Dealership - 'Relevant Market Area' (2000)
- Contract - Privatization - MBTA - Auditor's Objections (2000)
- Contract - University - Suspension Of Student (2000)
- Criminal - Dismissal Of Indictment - Lack Of Prosecution (2000)
- Criminal - Felony - Murder - Underrepresentation Of Minorities On Jury Venire (2000)
- Criminal - G.L.c. 209A - Hearsay (2000)
- Criminal - Homicide - Defects In Plea Colloquy (2000)
- Criminal - Homicide - Guilty Plea - Competency (2000)
- Criminal - Homicide - Jury Selection Process (2000)
- Criminal - Homicide - Kidnapping - Denial Of Required Findings Of Not Guilty (2000)
- Criminal - Immigration Warning (2000)
- Criminal - Ineffective Assistance - Murder (2000)
- Criminal - Murder - Cross-Examination Regarding Postarrest Silence (2000)
- Criminal - Murder - First Degree - Nonprejudicial Testimonial Errors (2000)
- Criminal - Murder In First Degree - Felony-Murder (2000)
- Criminal - Murder In First Degree - State Trooper (2000)
- Criminal - Required Finding Of Not Guilty - G.L.c. 211 Sect. 3 (2000)
- Environmental - Public Trust - Town's Authority - Pier Application (2000)
- Environmental - Standing - EIR (2000)
- Evidence - Rape Counseling Records - In Camera Inspection (2000)
- Insurance - Business Auto Policy - Ambulance - Traffic Accident - Wrongful Death (2000)
- Jury And Jurors - Peremptory Challenges - Women (2000)
- Labor - Agency Service Fee - Employer's Responsibility (2000)
- Retirement - Pension Forfeiture - Public Official's Malfeasance (2000)
- Search And Seizure - Drug Interdiction Roadblock (2000)
- Taxation - Corporate Excise - 'Recaptured Income' (2000)
- Tort - Anti- SLAPP Statute - Protective Orders (2000)

**Decisions Reviewed On Appeal
2000:**

- Wills And Trusts - Reformation - Construction - Extrinsic Evidence (2000)

Councillor Sullivan
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Resolution #25

Best wishes to Justice Ruth I.
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retirement from judicial service on
December 26, 2000.

**Councillor Sullivan and entire
membership**

In City Council December 4, 2000

ORDER ADOPTED