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Newsroom

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Yelnosky on Ginsburg's Trump Comments

ProJo columnist Ed Fitzpatrick talks to Dean Michael Yelnosky about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's recent remarks on the candidacy of Donald Trump.

From the Providence Journal: "[In case of *Ginsburg vs. Trump*, justice overstepped her bounds](#)" by

Edward Fitzpatrick, Journal Columnist



July 14, 2016: While her criticism is meritorious, the Notorious RBG's feud with the Vainglorious DJT puts her in a position that might prove precarious if Donald J. Trump ends up victorious.

[...] **Michael J. Yelnosky, dean of the Roger Williams University School of Law**, said no law or rule prohibits Ginsburg from saying what she said. But, he said, "I think she crossed a line and injected herself into the political process in a way that is inappropriate for a sitting member of the Supreme Court."

Ginsburg "owes an allegiance" to the office of president just as Trump owes an allegiance to the federal judiciary, **Yelnosky said**. And now, "this complicates matters in cases that could come before her involving Trump and his policies," he said.

Some say Ginsburg's comments are justified given the particular peril posed by a Trump presidency, but **Yelnosky said** there are plenty of other people in positions to hammer home those points. And, he said, "If we think this is appropriate conduct by a justice, how are we going to feel if Justice [Clarence] Thomas says in an interview tomorrow, 'I think Hillary Clinton is corrupt and Donald Trump will make America great again'?"