



United States Tax Court

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Judge Harry A. Haines, a great friend and colleague, passed away on September 22, 2026.

Judge Haines attended St. Olaf College for his undergraduate studies, the University of Montana for law school, and then NYU Law School for his LL.M. in taxation.

After his brief sojourn in New York, Judge Haines returned to his beloved Montana where he spent nearly four decades as a partner at the law firm of Worden, Thane & Haines. He also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Montana Law School for approximately 25 years.

In 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Judge Haines to the Tax Court, where he served as an active judge until April 21, 2018. Among other honors, Judge Haines received the Distinguished Service Award at the 63rd Annual Montana Tax Institute for his service to the School of Law, the state of Montana, and the nation in 2015. In addition to his faithful service and his many important decisions, his colleagues cherish Judge Haines's blend of good humor and tall tales (always told with the straightest of faces), which enlivened Court gatherings for many years.

Judge Haines is survived by his wife, Janet, his brother, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. As his obituary states, "He was a devoted husband, a proud father, and a loyal friend who touched the lives of everyone who knew him." The Court has been enriched by the life and service of Judge Haines, and we will greatly miss him.