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PRESS RELEASE

Retired Tax Court Judge Robert P. Ruwe passed away on February 12, 2022. Judge Ruwe was known for his extraordinary memory and grasp of tax law, and for the valuable experience he brought to his work.

Robert P. Ruwe was born in Ohio and graduated from Roger Bacon High School in St. Bernard. He attended Xavier University in Cincinnati on a football scholarship and graduated in 1963 with a BA and on the Dean's List. He worked as a Special Agent for the Intelligence Division of the IRS and went to law school at night, graduating first in his class from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1970. He served in the Ohio National Guard at the same time. Judge Ruwe joined the Office of Chief Counsel and rose through the ranks until he was Assistant Chief Counsel, Tax Litigation.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the Tax Court. After his term ended, he served as a senior judge until his retirement in November 2020. On April 27, 2012, he received the J. Edgar Murdock Award for distinguished service to the Court. His contributions on and off the Court will be missed.

Judge Ruwe is survived by his wife (Mary Kay), four sons, twelve grandchildren, two brothers, and a legacy of mentorship, collegiality, and cogent jurisprudence.

A memorial service will occur in the coming weeks.