



United States Tax Court

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PRESS RELEASE

The United States Tax Court announced today that Judge Patrick J. Urda has been elected Chief Judge to serve a two-year term beginning June 1, 2025.

Judge Urda was born in South Bend, Indiana. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. Before his appointment to the Court, he practiced law with McDermott Will & Emery and with Maciorowski, Sackmann & Ulrich. Judge Urda then served as a Law Clerk to Judge Daniel A. Manion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. After leaving his clerkship, he worked as an appellate attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division for more than a decade. During his time at the Department, he also held several other positions including Counsel to the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Appellate and Review and details to the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training and the Office of Legal Policy. Judge Urda is a former adjunct professor of law at American University Washington College of Law.

President Trump appointed him as a Judge of the United States Tax Court. Judge Urda was sworn in on September 27, 2018, for a term ending September 26, 2033.