

**UNITED STATES TAX COURT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20217**

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PRESS RELEASE

On April 27, 2012, Judge Robert P. Ruwe received the J. Edgar Murdock Award for distinguished service to the United States Tax Court.

The award commemorates John Edgar Murdock, who served on the Court for 42 years, from 1926 to 1968. Appointed as a member of the Board of Tax Appeals only two years after its creation in 1924, he became Chairman of the Board of Tax Appeals and later Chief Judge of the Tax Court of the United States, as the Court was called from 1942 to 1969. Noted for his management skills and his terse judicial opinions, Judge Murdock has been described by Harold Dubroff in "The United States Tax Court: An Historical Analysis" (1979), as probably the most influential person to serve on the Court. This is the tenth time the award has been presented since its creation in 1973.

Judge Ruwe graduated from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1963. He received his J.D. from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1970, graduating first in his class.

Judge Ruwe served as a Special Agent, Intelligence Division, for the Internal Revenue Service from 1963 to 1970. He joined the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, in 1970, and, over the course of his time there, held the following positions: Trial Attorney (Indianapolis); Assistant to the Deputy Chief Counsel; Director, Criminal Tax Division; Deputy Associate Chief Counsel (Litigation); and Director, Tax Litigation Division. He was appointed a Charter member of the Senior Executive Services of the United States on July 13, 1979.

Judge Ruwe was appointed to the United States Tax Court by President Ronald Reagan on November 20, 1987. Although Judge Ruwe retired on November 19, 2002, he continues to perform judicial duties as a Senior Judge on recall.