

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

August 1, 2008

PRESS RELEASE

Chief Judge John O. Colvin announced that Elizabeth Crewson Paris of Washington, D.C., took the oath of office on July 30, 2008, as a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and her formal investiture was held Friday, August 1, 2008. Judge Paris was appointed by President Bush to the Tax Court for a 15-year term to succeed Judge Joel Gerber who retired.

For the 8 years prior to her appointment, Judge Paris had been Tax Counsel to the United States Senate Committee on Finance. Prior to joining the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, she was a tax partner with the law firm of Reinhart, Boerner, Van Deuren, Norris & Rieselbach in its Denver office and had previously practiced in both Colorado and Oklahoma.

Judge Paris received a Bachelor of Science and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa and her LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Denver. She was recognized as "Distinguished Alumnus" by the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Judge Paris is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma.