

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

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PRESS RELEASE

The United States Tax Court announced today that Diana L. Leyden has been selected as a Special Trial Judge. Ms. Leyden will take the oath of office and assume her duties as a Special Trial Judge in June 2016.

Ms. Leyden is a magna cum laude graduate of Union College, received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and holds a Masters in Tax Law (LLM) from Georgetown University Law Center.

Ms. Leyden formerly served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Herbert Chabot, United States Tax Court. She practiced tax law with Steptoe & Johnson (Washington, DC), Powers & Hall (Boston, MA), and Day Pitney (Boston, MA.) In 1988 she worked as an Appeals officer and then an Appeals Bureau manager in the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, before working as a staff attorney in the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services handling business taxes and sales taxes.

From 1999 to 2015 Ms. Leyden was the Director of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at the University of Connecticut School of Law. In 2005 she was awarded the ABA Tax Section Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award for her work on behalf of low income taxpayers.

Since 2015 Ms. Leyden has been the Taxpayer Advocate in the New York City Department of Finance.