

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

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PRESS RELEASE

The United States Tax Court announced today that Chief Special Trial Judge Peter J. Panuthos has decided to step down as Chief Special Trial Judge, effective on September 1, 2017, and that Special Trial Judge Lewis R. Carluzzo has been named Chief Special Trial Judge, effective September 1, 2017.

Judge Panuthos was appointed a Special Trial Judge on June 12, 1983, after a distinguished career as a Trial Attorney and Assistant District Counsel in the IRS Office of Chief Counsel in Boston. He was selected to serve as Chief Special Trial Judge, effective on June 1, 1992, and has served with great distinction in that position for approximately 25 years. Judge Panuthos has been one of the Court's most ardent and influential voices in advocating for low income taxpayers and the LITC and bar association programs that have arisen to support them. In 2012 Judge Panuthos received the J. Edgar Murdock Award for distinguished service to the Tax Court, and in 2014 he received the Janet R. Spragens Pro Bono Award from the ABA Taxation Section. Judge Panuthos will continue to serve the Court as a Special Trial Judge after September 1, 2017.

Judge Carluzzo received his undergraduate and law degrees from Villanova University in 1971 and 1974, respectively. After a distinguished career as law clerk, law firm associate, and city prosecutor, Judge Carluzzo joined the Office of IRS Chief Counsel as a trial attorney in 1977. He was appointed a Special Trial Attorney on the staff of the Associate Chief Counsel, Litigation in 1983, and, from 1992 to 1994, worked in the Office of Chief Counsel, Large Case. Judge Carluzzo was appointed a Special Trial Judge in 1994 and has served with distinction for over 20 years. He has presided over more than 320 trial and motions sessions of the Court, has served as an advisory member on numerous Court Committees, and is currently the vice chair of the Court's Rules Committee.