

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

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PRESS RELEASE

Chief Judge John O. Colvin announced that Richard T. Morrison of Arlington, Virginia, took the oath of office on August 29, 2008, as a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and his formal investiture was held Friday, October 3, 2008. Judge Morrison was appointed by President Bush to the Tax Court for a 15-year term to succeed Judge Carolyn Miller Parr who assumed senior status and subsequently retired.

For the 7 years prior to his appointment, Judge Morrison was an attorney in the Tax Division of the Department of Justice, serving as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Review and Appellate Matters, and as Acting Assistant Attorney General. Before joining the Department of Justice, Judge Morrison was an associate with the law firms Baker & McKenzie and Mayer Brown & Platt, in their Chicago offices, and also served as clerk to Judge Jerry E. Smith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Judge Morrison received a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Kansas, a Juris Doctor degree from University of Chicago Law School, and a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Chicago.

Judge Morrison is a native of Hutchinson, Kansas, and is married to Rebecca Morrison. They have two sons.