

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

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PRESS RELEASE

On March 23, 2012, Chief Special Trial Judge Peter J. Panuthos 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 ninth time the award has been presented since its creation in 1973.

Judge Panuthos was born in 1943 in New York. In 1966 he obtained his B.S. degree from Bryant College in Providence, Rhode Island. He received his J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston in 1969, where he was a member of the Law Review, and his LL.M. in Taxation from Boston University School of Law in 1972.

During the period 1970 to 1983, Judge Panuthos served as a Trial Attorney and Assistant District Counsel with the Boston Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service. He was appointed Special Trial Judge of the United States Tax Court on June 12, 1983, and Chief Special Trial Judge on June 1, 1992. Judge Panuthos is a founder and member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Tax Judges (IATJ).

Judge Panuthos has taught at Bentley College in Boston, the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, the David A. Clark School of Law of the University of the District of Columbia, and the Georgetown University Law Center. He has been a regular faculty member at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

Judge Panuthos has been actively involved with the Low Income Taxpayer Committee and the Pro Bono Committee of the Section of Taxation of the American Bar Association. He is a regular speaker at ABA Tax Section Meetings as well as the Annual Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocate. He has participated in panels both nationally and internationally on issues relating to the self-represented taxpayer and mediation of tax cases.