

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

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PRESS RELEASE

Chief Judge Michael B. Thornton announced that Kathleen M. Kerrigan took the oath of office on May 4, 2012, as a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and her formal investiture was held on June 7, 2012. Judge Kerrigan was appointed by President Obama to the Tax Court for a 15-year term to succeed Judge Harry A. Haines, who assumed senior status.

From 2005 until joining the Tax Court, Judge Kerrigan was Tax Counsel to Senator John F. Kerry. Judge Kerrigan was an associate and partner with the law firm of Baker & Hostetler LLP in its Washington, D.C. office, and from 1990 to 1998, Judge Kerrigan was Legislative Director to Congressman Richard E. Neal.

Judge Kerrigan received a Bachelor of Science from Boston College and a Juris Doctorate from University of Notre Dame Law School.

Judge Kerrigan is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts.