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Chief Judge Thomas B. Wells announced that Robert A. Wherry Jr., of Greenwood Village, Colorado, took the oath of office on Wednesday, April 23, 2003, as a Judge of the United States Tax Court. Judge Wherry was appointed by President Bush to the Tax Court for a 15-year term to succeed Judge Laurence J. Whalen who assumed senior status.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Wherry had practiced tax law for 30 years with Lentz, Evans and King P.C. in Denver, Colorado.

Judge Wherry received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a Masters of Law degree in taxation from New York University.

Judge Wherry is married to the former Leslie Ross. They have two children Richard and Marsha.