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April 18, 2018

Mr. Robert Orth  
[soundsignal@comcast.net](mailto:soundsignal@comcast.net)

Re: DOJ-2018-003533 (OLP)  
VRB:VAV:JMS

Dear Mr. Orth:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 23, 2018, seeking specified records pertaining to thirty-one listed United States Tax Court judges. This response is made on behalf of the Office of Legal Policy.<sup>1</sup>

Please be advised that records pertaining to United States Tax Court judges are not maintained by the Office of Legal Policy (OLP). For your information, OLP, for which this Office processes FOIA requests, maintains certain records pertaining to all sitting federal judges, except magistrate, bankruptcy, Tax Court, Veterans Appeals Court and military Courts of Appeal judges. Records relating to all federal judges are maintained by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AOUSC). As AOUSC is an entity within the judicial branch, it is not subject to the FOIA. Although the policy of the AOUSC is to not release documents to the public, should you wish to contact that entity for records pertaining to judges sitting on the United States Tax Court, the address follows:

Judges Compensation and Retirement Services Office  
Administrative Office of the United States Courts  
One Columbus Circle, NE  
Washington, DC 20544

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642; or facsimile at 202-514-1009.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601

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<sup>1</sup> Your request was originally directed to the Mail Referral Unit, Justice Management Division, for appropriate routing. It was received by this Office on March 26, 2018. The MRU tracking number associated with this request is EMRUFOIA032318.

Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vanessa R. Brinkmann". The signature is stylized and includes a small flourish at the end.

Vanessa R. Brinkmann  
Senior Counsel