

# Martha Blood Wentworth

Judge Wentworth was appointed by former Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels as Indiana's second Indiana Tax Court judge in January 2011. She was retained in the November 2014 general election for a 10 year term.

Judge Wentworth received an A.A. degree from Bennett College, Millbrook, N.Y. and her B.S. (1971) and M.S. (1977) from Indiana University Bloomington. After receiving her Masters degree, she owned and operated a small business in Bloomington, Indiana.



In 1990, Judge Wentworth received her J.D. *cum laude* from Indiana University Maurer School of Law and was inducted into the honorary Order of Barristers. She began her legal career as a law clerk to her predecessor Judge Thomas G. Fisher, and thereafter joined Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, PC in Indianapolis as an associate. Immediately prior to her judicial appointment, she was a Tax Director at Deloitte Tax LLP where she led its Indiana Multistate Tax Services.

Judge Wentworth enjoys teaching state & local taxation, having done so at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, the McKinney School of Law, and the Maurer School of Law for 21 years. As a former student and current faculty, she happily proclaims her Hoosier spirit as a life member of the Indiana University Alumni Association and is honored to be recognized as one of Maurer Law's many Notable Alumni.

Judge Wentworth is a member of the American, Indiana, Florida, & Indianapolis Bar Associations. She is a past Chair of the Indiana State Bar Association's Taxation Section, a member of the Indiana Judge's Association, co-chair of the ABA's Taxation Section's State & Local Tax Executive Committee Judge's Panel, and a graduate of the Indiana Judicial College. She is also a member of the National Association of State Tax Judges, which, together with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, selected Judge Wentworth as the 2017 Lawrence L. Lasser Tax Judge of the Year at their 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. In May 2018, the Board of Regents of the American College of Tax Counsel elected Judge Wentworth as a Fellow of the College, and in 2020, she became a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Judge Wentworth supports the missions of the Indiana Bar Foundation having been a former member of its Board of Directors, a Life Fellow, and a member of the Keystone Society. She was the chair of the Indiana Pro Bono Commission from July 2012 to July 2015 and received the Randall T. Shepard Award in October 2015 in recognition of her *pro bono* service. She has also served as a member of the Indiana Coalition for Court Access from its inception to July of 2021, remaining as a member of the pro bono work group. In 2019, she gave the keynote speech for Indiana's Middle School "We The People" Competition, rapping to Hamilton's 'My Shot.' That same year, she joined the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society.

Judge Wentworth is a frequent speaker on state and local tax issues in Indiana and around the country with national organizations such as the ABA, IPT, TEI, COST, APTC, and NAPTA.

A native of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Judge Wentworth has been a Hoosier most of her adult life. Her community activities include lifelong support of the Girl Scouts (7 years a leader), past leader of Deloitte's Indianapolis diversity program, supporter of Indiana's We the People Civic education program, and Indiana's High School Mock Trial program. She has 2 adult daughters and 2 wonderful grandsons.