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PAIR OF RUYI OFFICIAL'S CHAIRS

\$5,380

c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Walnut • Collection #Q138 W: 22.25" D: 17.5" H: 35.5"

This pair of elegant 19th-century elm wood chairs embody Ming-dynasty design with simple form yet complex construction. The chairs are an unusual blend of traditional tall yoke-back chairs and square low back armchairs, and each bears a ruyi symbol carved into the back splat, symbolizing knowledge. The ends of the top rails turn gently upwards and the arms are strongly curved - characteristics that emphasized the high status of the official for whom the chairs were originally made.

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Additional Dimensions: Seat Height: 20.5"