

I'm honored by your request to testify but will not be able to do so because I am outside the US until June 1.

Could I have the Committee record indicate my thought? I came to the bench as an elected circuit court judge in 2000 having been a prosecutor, defense attorney, municipal court judge and an attorney in private practice with 30+ years of experience & 35+ years in the courtrooms. However, because of my age & the constitutional limit, I was only able to serve the public for 12 years before being forced out of office. The current law not only prevents good judges from continuing to serve the community but is patently age discrimination.

My friend Supreme Court David Brewer has strong opinions on this subject but given his position, may be unable to testify. please contact him as to additional witnesses. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me. 503-312-1231.

Ron Thom, Senior Judge