

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as an Oregon lawyer and a former Circuit Court Judge and current Columbia County Deputy District Attorney. During the first 16 years of my practice I specialized in indigent defense of criminal cases in Multnomah, Washington and Columbia Counties. My caseload was busy, I spent the majority of my time in the courtroom in front of many Judges for various motions, hearings and trials. I know what it takes to be a good judge. It takes integrity, honesty, intelligence, wisdom, compassion and common sense, good listening skills and a good work ethic. As a former Judge, I know that the job is difficult and requires broad shoulders. Most of those qualities are developed over time and do not go away because a person has reached a certain age. I am hoping that you will vote to get rid of the outdated mandatory retirement age and allow the people who willing put themselves in the difficult position decide how long she/he wants to continue to contribute to the community.

Sincerely, Jean Martwick