

**Testimony of Michael Porzio
To the Judiciary Committee
In Opposition of the Re-Nomination of Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers**

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Good afternoon, Chairman Coleman, Chairman Tong, and members of the judiciary committee, I appreciate the opportunity to express testimony on behalf of my opposition to the re-nomination of Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers. Chief Justice Rogers's creation of the "Bench Bar Committee" with the inclusion among its members of senior partners of ill-reputed Foreclosure Mills, is a bad idea which has created an incestuous relationship between the two. This relationship affects the impartiality of the judicial system and infects its process. It has been wisely said that courts are not collection agencies for crooks. I believe that everyone in this room would agree with me that this statement is true. They should not be. It has also been said that an injustice against one is an injustice to everyone. Should judges allow the introduction of lies, deception, negligent representation of facts, obstruction of due process, and introduction of fraudulent manufactured documents into court files in an attempt to justify wrong doing that must never be justified under any circumstances? This mockery of justice is perpetrated on a regular basis in the Connecticut courts and it must be stopped. It is a cancer that should not be allowed to metastasize. In my personal experience, a fraudulent document was presented to the court by the infamous Foreclosure Mill, Hunt Leibert Jacobson, and after Judge Mintz had the opportunity to review the facts, had the documents stricken. Subsequently, the plaintiff added the law firm of Halloran & Sage (Attorney Brian D. Rich), who then resubmitted the same fraudulent document to Judge Kevin Tierney, who overruled Judge Mintz's prior order, ignoring the apparent conclusion of Judge Mintz relative to this fraudulent document. This is a single instance to illustrate the problem, but I have personally assisted in wrongdoing being committed against many unsuspecting Connecticut homeowners who have unjustly been foreclosed out of their homes and I know many others that are about to be unjustly foreclosed, without any credible or valid proof of claim. Again, thank you for allowing me this opportunity to speak about this important issue.