

WALTER T. COX III, SENIOR JUDGE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

On June 28, 1984, President Reagan nominated Walter T. Cox III to serve as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for a term of 15 years. The nomination was confirmed by the Senate on July 26, and on September 6, he was administered the Oath of Office and officially assumed his duties. He became the Chief Judge of the Court on October 1, 1995 and retired on September 30, 1999. He served an additional year as an active Senior Judge and stepped down on September 30, 2000. He has served as Senior Lecturing Fellow at Duke University School of Law and at the Charleston School of Law. He is also certified by the Supreme Court of Florida as Circuit and County Court mediator. Senior Judge Cox also served as the Chairman of the Commission on the 50th Anniversary of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, a commission sponsored by the National Institute of Military Justice to look at the operation of military justice after fifty years under the UCMJ and has recently chaired the 2009 Commission on Military Justice. Senior Judge Cox is now "Of Counsel" to Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough, L.L.P. in the Charleston, South Carolina office.

A native of South Carolina, Senior Judge Cox was born August 13, 1942, in Anderson, to Walter T. and Mary Johnson Cox. His wife, Vicki Grubbs Cox, is also a native South Carolinian. They have two adult children and five granddaughters.

Senior Judge Cox graduated from D. W. Daniel High School in Clemson, where he attained the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout, and an All State and All American (1959) football player. He also was the South Carolina president of the Beta Club; attended Clemson University on an Athletic-Grant-In-Aid for football; and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Clemson University in May 1964, having majored in Industrial Management. He was Cadet-Colonel of the Army ROTC Brigade and a Distinguished Military Graduate, as well as being active in numerous service and social organizations.

Senior Judge Cox was commissioned as a regular Army Second Lieutenant in May 1964. He was assigned to the University of South Carolina School of Law on excess leave (1964-1967), where he earned a Juris Doctor Degree cum laude, graduating first in his class. He attended the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the Defense Language Institute, where he learned to speak, read and write German. Upon graduation from the Language Institute, he and his family were sent to Germany where he served as the Liaison Officer to the Minister of Justice for the State of Bavaria, and as the Liaison Officer to the American Embassy in Austria, in addition to fulfilling his routine military duties.

Senior Judge Cox was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in September 1967. Upon leaving the Army in January of 1973, he joined the law firm of Jones, McIntosh, Threlkeld, Newman & Cox, where he served as trial lawyer in state and federal courts.

In April 1978, he was elected a Resident Judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit of South Carolina. In addition, he served as an Acting Associate Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, a Hearing Officer of the Judicial Standards Commission; and on the Judicial Council, the Circuit Court Advisory Committee. Senior Judge Cox also served as a member of The House of Delegates of the South Carolina Bar and The Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline.

Senior Judge Cox is a member of the following bar associations.

South Carolina Bar Association
The Supreme Court of the United States
The United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
The American Bar Association
The Federal Bar Association
The Judge Advocates' Association

Senior Judge Cox played a major role in the formation of the American Federal Inn of Court and he is an active participant in myriad community activities. He is an avid sportsman who particularly enjoys sailing, hunting, skiing, tennis, and golf. Senior Judge Cox is licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as an Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels, commonly known as a "six-pack" licensed operator, allowing him to carry six passengers or less for hire. He is also an instrument rated private aviator.