

# Trump Taps Judge Jeanine For Key DOJ Role After Consulting Evening Cable Lineup

Not a surprise.

Ed Martin really went on a journey yesterday. First, he learned that he'd officially be [yanked from the DC US Attorney job](#) search after a whirlwind four months of [pretending he already had the job](#). Then he got spit on.

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And then Trump named the hapless hack to head up the administration's new Weaponization Working Group. In a sense, Ed is already a smashing success — since politicized harassment of [government officials](#), [Wikipedia](#), and [random medical journals](#) are all down a whopping 100 percent since he left his US Attorney role. Meanwhile, Trump is also putting Martin in charge of deciding who gets pardons, a fitting role for the attorney whose claim to fame was representing January 6 defendants — up to and including using his interim DOJ role to [free his own clients](#).

But this left Trump with the problem of finding a new interim appointment to run prosecutions in DC, preferably with a chance in hell of getting confirmed. After a deep, serious vetting process involving turning on Fox News yesterday, Trump settled upon Jeanine Pirro.

As “surprising” picks go, let’s just say this isn’t like an American Pope.



In 2018, [Pirro eyed the Attorney General role](#) — or at least the Deputy’s seat. Part of the Federalist Society’s move from running the GOP judicial nomination process from the shadows to running it out in the open was the overriding fear that Trump would try to put Pirro on the Supreme Court based upon her qualifications as “someone who talks about law on TV.”

Pirro may not land in any of those loftier roles, but the US Attorney gig in DC is not a bad consolation.

Sure, she’s the sort of former county judge with [a lead foot](#) — police claiming they clocked her down 119 on Route 17 (she would plead to 95) — and a penchant for [racking up defamation claims](#). She even managed [to get involved in the massive Dominion & Smartmatic cases](#) that [ended up costing the network a fortune](#). But just because she might struggle to follow the law doesn’t mean she can’t arbitrarily enforce it upon others!

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