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Maurene Comey Fired: Prosecutor Behind Epstein and Diddy Cases Ousted from Top Federal Role

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Maurene Comey, the federal prosecutor behind some of the most explosive criminal cases in recent memory, has been removed from her post at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York (SDNY). Her firing, carried out under Article II of the United States Constitution, follows 10 years of service. Officials have not released a reason for her dismissal, and Comey herself has remained silent.

Comey, the daughter of former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director James Comey, built a reputation as a tough and relentless prosecutor. She helped lead the case against Ghislaine Maxwell, longtime associate of disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein, securing Maxwell's conviction on five federal sex-trafficking charges and a 20-year prison sentence. Comey was also involved in prosecuting Epstein before his 2019 death, which was officially ruled a suicide but continues to stir controversy.

High-Profile Cases

Most recently, Comey handled the prosecution of rapper and music mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs, who was found guilty of two counts of transporting individuals across state lines for prostitution. His sentencing is set for October 3, 2025. The case captured national attention given Combs' public image and longstanding influence in the entertainment industry.

Comey's unexpected firing has raised eyebrows across political circles. The timing is especially notable as renewed interest in the Epstein case surges, partly driven by comments made by President Donald Trump. Earlier this week, Trump posted on his Truth Social platform that many of his supporters had fallen for what he called the "Jeffrey Epstein Hoax," blaming the media and Democrats for fueling conspiracy theories that distract from his current presidency.

During his 2024 campaign, Trump promised to declassify Epstein-related documents, including the much-rumored "client list." However, in a statement earlier this month, the Department of Justice said no such list exists and confirmed that no additional documents would be made public. That announcement sparked backlash from Trump allies and fueled further online speculation.

Political activist and journalist Laura Loomer celebrated Comey's firing on social media, posting a lengthy thread on July 17. She also called for the dismissal of Comey's husband, Lucas Issacharoff, an attorney in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

The Justice Department has not explained whether Comey's removal is connected to any specific case. However, some conservative voices have pointed to possible political motivations behind the move. Her role in the Epstein investigation and her family connection to James Comey, who was dismissed by Trump in 2017, have added another layer of intrigue.

With no official statement from Comey or the DOJ, her sudden exit leaves more questions than answers. As public pressure builds for transparency in the Epstein saga, removing a seasoned prosecutor at the center is unlikely to calm the waters.