



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Press Release: August 5, 2026

**Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael C. Martin Sworn In As
United States District Judge**

On Tuesday, August 4, 2026, Michael C. Martin was sworn in as the newest United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Judge Martin was sworn in at a ceremony at the Theodore Levin Courthouse in Detroit by Chief Judge Stephen J. Murphy, III.

Judge Martin was nominated by President Donald J. Trump on May 11, 2026. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on a bipartisan basis on July 22, 2026, and the President signed his commission on July 29, 2026.

Judge Martin previously worked as a federal prosecutor for over 20 years. He most recently served as Chief of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan. He also served that office as Chief of the National Security Unit, Deputy Criminal Chief and Executive Assistant United States Attorney. As an Assistant United States Attorney, Judge Martin tried terrorism, espionage, theft of trade secrets, export control, and smuggling cases. He has also prosecuted cases involving conspiracy to murder, gangs, drugs, and guns. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, Judge Martin was a trial attorney in the Counterespionage Section within the Department of Justice's National Security Division.

Judge Martin is a graduate of the Boston College Law School, where he was a member of the law review. After law school, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Hugh H. Bownes, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and the Honorable Edward F. Harrington, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Prior to law school, Judge Martin served as an analyst with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Judge Martin fills the vacancy that arose when former Chief Judge Sean F. Cox retired in July 2025.
