

# Boeing Has Friends in High Places, Thanks to Its 737 Crash Czar/General Counsel

Several Trump administration officials have personal or professional ties to Boeing's man at the center of the 737 Max jetliner crash drama. He's J. Michael Luttig, the longtime general counsel whom the company reassigned to lead its 737 response, **reports** Bloomberg.

"When he was a federal appellate court judge, Luttig brought on dozens of promising young clerks who are now spread throughout the judiciary and beyond," explain Bloomberg's Tom Schoenberg, Julie Johnsson and Peter Robison. "In more than a decade at Chicago-based Boeing, he stocked his department with ex-government lawyers. He also tapped Kirkland [& Ellis LLP], which has a big Chicago presence, for matters as varied as acquisitions and contract disputes."

Luttig also is wired into the Supreme Court. He was a groomsman at the wedding of U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts.

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