

MONICA'S JOB HISTORY

The DOJ IG report provides more details than we've seen before of Monica Goodling's entire work history. And when you look at it, it's pretty damn clear that her primary purpose at DOJ was to politicize the department.

Here are the details the report gives. As we knew, Monica's first job out of law school was doing oppo research for the RNC:

From 1999 to February 2002, she worked for the Republican National Committee (RNC) where she held the positions of research analyst, senior analyst, and deputy director for research and strategic planning. Among her duties was what she described on her résumé as "a broad range of political research."

Her first job at DOJ was spin-working in the Public Affairs department with Libby's future PR flack Barbara Comstock and Rove's future PR flack Mark Corallo:

According to Goodling's résumé, while at OPA she worked closely with the OAG regarding public communications about the Department's work, including media events, press releases, speeches, and talking points.

Then, they shipped her across the Potomoc for a short sting in a US Attorney's office—so she'd look like a "real" lawyer when future promotions became available.

In September 2004, Goodling began a 6-month detail as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the USAO for the Eastern District of Virginia, where she handled criminal felony and misdemeanor cases.

I believe the use of "handled" here does not

include actually "handling" anything in a courtroom—as I recall Monica testified before Congress she had no real prosecutorial experience.

But here's the real tip-off about Monica's career: they **created a brand new political Deputy Director of EOUSA for her** to move into in March 2005—at which position they had her approving waivers for AUSA hires requested by interim US Attorneys.

The political Schedule C Deputy Director position for Goodling was a new position within EOUSA. Contemporaneous e-mails of senior managers within the OAG and ODAG indicate that OAG personnel approved Goodling's appointment as a political Deputy Director.

Then finally, they institutionalized and expanded this institutionalized political hiring and firing function by moving it to the Attorney General's office.

Goodling's major responsibility as White House Liaison was to interview and process applicants for political positions in the Department. In that job, she also interviewed and was involved in the selection of career attorneys who were candidates for temporary details to various Department offices, and candidates for immigration judge and Board of Immigration Appeals positions. In addition, Goodling continued to process waiver requests by interim U.S. Attorneys, although neither of her predecessors as White House Liaison, Susan Richmond and Jan Williams, had done so.

In other words, it seems the primary purpose of her career at DOJ was to create new levels of politicization in key positions.