

Major Shake-up Hits FBI As Suspected Leaker And Comey “Confidant” Removed From Top Post

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FBI Director Christopher Wray is making his first major personnel change since he took over as head of the bureau.

According to reports, Wray has removed James Baker, head of the FBI’s Office of General Counsel. “Baker played a key role in the agency’s handling of major cases and policy debates in recent years, including the FBI’s unsuccessful battle with Apple over the growing use of encryption in cellphones,” [reports](#) Zerohedge.

Baker was moved to a different position inside the agency.



Daily Mail UK reports:

James Baker, the FBI's leading lawyer who was a confidante of fired FBI Director James Comey, has been reassigned from his post, as the agency's top personnel are under high scrutiny.

*Baker told colleagues he will assume different duties for the bureau, the **Washington Post** reported.*

Baker oversees the bureau's Office of General Counsel, and has received such awards as the George H.W. Bush Award for Excellence in counter-terrorism in 2006.

In July, *Circa News'* Sara Carter reported FBI General Counsel James A. Baker and, "close confidant" of former FBI head James Comey, was allegedly under investigation for leaking classified information to the media.

The explosive claim came amid heated discussions about leaks coming from disloyal staffers from within the Trump White House.

Circa reports:

FBI General Counsel James A. Baker is purportedly under a Department of Justice criminal investigation for allegedly leaking classified national security information to the media, according to multiple government officials close to the probe who spoke with Circa on the condition of anonymity. [...]

*Baker is a close confidant of former FBI Director James Comey, and **recent media reports** suggested he was reportedly advising the then-FBI director on legal matters following private meetings the former director had in February with President Trump in the Oval Office.*

First reported by *The Hill*, former FBI James Comey is also accused of leaking classified information to the media.

More than half of the memos fired FBI Director James Comey wrote during his private conversations with President Trump

have been determined to contain classified information.