

Biographical Information



Jenifer French
Chair
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
(PUCO)

Jenifer French was appointed to the commission and named chair by Governor Mike DeWine in 2021. Her term ends on April 10, 2024.

Prior to joining the PUCO, French served as a Franklin County Court of Common Pleas judge from 2015 through 2021, presiding over civil, criminal felony, and administrative matters. While on the court, she was a member of the Court's Criminal Law and Rules committees and served as a Judicial Board Member for the Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility. French was named "Highly Recommended" in 2020 by the Columbus Bar Association.

French served as a member of Westerville City Council from 2011-2015. During this time, she served on the Westerville Planning Commission, and as vice mayor from 2013-2015. While serving at city council French worked collaboratively with citizens and stakeholders on important policy issues involving municipal utilities, zoning, planning and economic growth.

French earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from The Ohio State University, and her law degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law.