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Gene L. Dodaro became the eighth Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on December 22, 2010, when he was confirmed by the United States Senate. He was nominated by President Obama in September of 2010 from a list of candidates selected by a bipartisan, bicameral congressional commission. He had been serving as Acting Comptroller General since March of 2008.

Mr. Dodaro has testified before Congress dozens of times on important national issues, including the nation's long term fiscal outlook, efforts to reduce and eliminate overlap and duplication across the federal government and GAO's "High Risk List" that focuses on specific challenges—from reducing improper payments under Medicare and Medicaid to improving the Pentagon's business practices. In addition Mr. Dodaro has led efforts to fulfill GAO's new audit responsibilities under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

As Comptroller General, Mr. Dodaro helps oversee the development and issuance of hundreds of reports and testimonies each year to various committees and individual Members of Congress. These and other GAO products have led to hearings and legislation, billions of dollars in taxpayer savings, and improvements to a wide range of government programs and services.

In a GAO career dating back more than 40 years, Mr. Dodaro has held a number of key executive posts. For 9 years, Mr. Dodaro served as the Chief Operating Officer, the number two leadership position at the agency, assisting the Comptroller General in providing direction and vision for GAO's diverse, multidisciplinary workforce. Mr. Dodaro led the development of GAO's strategic plans for serving Congress and improving government in the 21st Century. He also played a key role in guiding the agency's efforts to highlight current and emerging issues that warrant attention from policymakers.

Until 1999, Mr. Dodaro headed GAO's Accounting and Information Management Division, the agency's largest unit, which specialized in financial management, computer technology, and budget issues. While there, he directed the first-ever audit of the comprehensive financial statements covering all federal departments and agencies. Mr. Dodaro also helped conceive GAO's strategy for strengthening computer security governmentwide and led the updating of standards for internal controls in the federal government.

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Mr. Dodaro worked closely with the Congress and several administrations on major management reform initiatives, including the 1994 Government Management Reform Act, which expanded the Chief Financial Officers Act; the revised 1995 Paperwork Reduction Act and the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996, which require agencies to implement modern management practices for information technology management; and the 1996 refinements to the Single Audit Act, which outlines requirements for audits of federal assistance to state and local governments. Mr. Dodaro also led management reviews of the Department of Justice, the Internal Revenue Service, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of Personnel Management and has extensive experience working with state and local government officials.

Mr. Dodaro, who holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Association of Government Accountants. Mr. Dodaro has received recognition from numerous outside organizations throughout his career, including the National Public Service Award from the American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration, the Roger W. Jones Award from American University and the Braden Award from the Department of Accountancy at Case Western Reserve University.

Mr. Dodaro is married to the former Joan McCabe and has three adult children.

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In addition to his experience with NASACT, he has been a partner of a local public accounting firm in Lexington, Kentucky, and a principal auditor with the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts, where he conducted financial, performance, and investigative audits on state agencies and local governments. While in public practice, he performed single audits on various nonprofit organizations.

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Prior to joining GAO, she served as a policy analyst for the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education where she led projects intended to improve equity and access to public higher education. Ms. Drennan holds a Ph.D. in Social Policy, a M.A. in Organizational Communications, and B.A. in Political Science.

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Tasha M. Scott, Personal Development Coach, believes that to live out your dreams and fulfill your purpose, you must first discover the hidden treasures within you, which is easily done by following four basic paths along the way to “Becoming MORE”- in life and in business.

Over the past few years she has challenged, encouraged, and motivated people of all ages and walks of life to:

- Remove the mask
- Take responsibility
- Find their voice
- Move forward

...and to do it with unlimited passion, freedom, enjoyment, and success!

Tasha, owner of Scott Realtime Reporting, LLC, combines real-life lessons learned on her way to “Becoming” a successful entrepreneur, with a deep faith and love of family, to help busy men and women live an Unlimited Life.

Through her Don't Limit Me!™ coaching program, live workshops, small groups, monthly column in The Pride of Montgomery Magazine (and premiering Fall 2014) inspiring Internet show, Unlimited Life TV, she regularly provides a life-changing message, enabling others to:

- Pursue their full potential
- Go even further
- Never settle for less
- And always believe for MORE than what they are currently able to see.

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Richard W. Moore was sworn in as TVA's first Presidentially appointed Inspector General on May 9, 2003.

From 1985 until his confirmation as Inspector General, Mr. Moore served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. During that time, he prosecuted a variety of federal crimes including government program fraud cases, bank and insurance fraud cases, official public corruption, and federal RICO cases. He also served at various times as the Senior Litigation Counsel, and as Chief of the Criminal Division in the Southern District. From 1997 to 1998, Mr. Moore was an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy at Oxford University, Oxford, England, where he conducted an independent study on the prosecution of complex international fraud cases. Prior to serving with the U.S. Attorney's office, he was in private practice in Mobile, Alabama, and Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Moore attended undergraduate school at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. degree. He graduated from the Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama, with a J.D. degree.

Mr. Moore served as Chairman of the Investigations Committee of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) from May 2009 to April 2011. In 2015, Mr. Moore was named Cumberland School of Law's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

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Prior to HCSC, John worked at Federal-Mogul in Michigan as the Sox coordination supervisor, Avery Dennison in California as a Project Manager, and spent 13 years with Horizon BlueCross BlueShield of New Jersey, where he was Director of Systems Audit, Customer Audit and Operations Audit.

John has over 45 years of audit experience, most of it in the IT Audit arena. He is a CISA and CRISC and has his MBA from Fairleigh-Dickinson University in New Jersey. John is a frequent speaker for the BCBSA, IIA and ISACA organizations. In 2010 he was named "Educator of the Year" by the Chicago Chapter of the IIA.

He recently spoke at the 2015 ISACA CACS Conference and at the ISACA RTP Chapter.

Since retiring from HCSC, John is focusing on speaking at conferences for ISACA and IIA chapters covering a range of topics such as PCI, BYOD, Disaster Recovery, etc.

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Since 2004, Sam has served as the Performance Audit Director at OSA. At OSA, she has gained a greater understanding that considering a subject from many different perspectives is just as important as considering long and short-term consequences of decisions. Her perspective is that understanding government operations and policy helps in evaluating/auditing programs, laws, policies, and agencies.