

Biographies

Kathleen S. Tighe
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Education

On March 17, 2010, Kathleen S. Tighe was sworn in as the inspector general of the U.S. Department of Education (ED). In December 2011, Tighe was appointed by President Obama to chair the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board while continuing to serve as ED's inspector general. In June 2011, she was also appointed to serve on the Government Accountability and Transparency Board. Tighe has a long and distinguished career in government accountability and a wealth of experience in fighting fraud. Prior to taking the helm at ED's OIG, she was the deputy inspector general of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. From 1995 to 2005, she served as counsel to the inspector general at the General Services Administration (GSA) and, before that, as an assistant counsel for the GSA Office of Inspector General. From 1988 until 1991, Tighe was a trial attorney in the Fraud Section of the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Department of Justice. She litigated cases under the civil *False Claims Act* representing various government agencies. Prior to her government service, Tighe was in private practice with the law firm Lewis, Mitchell & Moore. Tighe also has played an active role in the operations of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), the umbrella organization for all federal inspectors general, established by Congress to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual government agencies. She currently chairs the CIGIE Information Technology Committee and is a member of CIGIE's Audit Committee. Tighe has lectured frequently to both government and private organizations on issues relating to fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs. In 2014, she was named by the Institute of Internal Auditors as one of the most influential professionals in government auditing. Tighe earned her law degree with honors from George Washington University (J.D., 1983) and a master's degree in International Relations from American University (M.A., 1979). She graduated with distinction from Purdue University (B.A., 1976), where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Christopher R. Westphal
Owner
SME Analytics, analysis365

Mr. Westphal pioneers novel approaches in the detection and exposure of complex patterns using entity-based analytics. He has worked with corporation and financial ministries around the world in detecting fraud, money laundering, embezzlement, and various compliance matters. He has authored numerous publications and several books including *Data Mining for Intelligence, Fraud & Criminal Detection: Advanced Analytics & Information Sharing Technologies*. Mr. Westphal is an independent consultant operating as analysis365.com. He consults and advises companies, government agencies, and investigative units on issues relating to fraud, compliance, risk management, data governance issues, and systems modernization.

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Vicki Hanson

Director

Division of School Audits

Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Vicki Hanson is the Director of the Division of School Audits for the Arizona Auditor General's Office. The Division conducts school district performance audits that focus on operational areas such as administration, transportation, plant operations, and food service and are designed to determine whether a school district is managing its resources in an effective, economical, and efficient manner. Additionally, the Division produces an annual state-wide report that analyzes school district spending at both the state-wide and individual district levels. The Division also conducts special studies at the request of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee or other legislative bodies. Past studies have included Arizona's English Language Learner Program, the State's online learning program, school districts' participation in the National School Lunch Program, and an analysis of two joint technological education districts. Vicki started with the Division in 2001, shortly after it was created. Vicki recently became a Certified Fraud Examiner and earned a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and a master's degree in Education from Arizona State University.

Kathleen Fullerton

Audit Principal

California State Auditor's Office

Kathleen Fullerton is a Principal Auditor with the California State Auditor's Office. During her 10 years with the auditor's office, Kathleen has led a variety of performance audits related to education, including assessing access to college preparatory coursework for high school students, evaluating the State's regulation of private-postsecondary education, and identifying solutions to mitigate the impact of rising textbook prices. Most recently, Kathleen conducted a performance audit of the University of California's admissions and financial practices, which resulted in numerous legislative actions. Some of her other projects include the California High-Speed Rail Authority's oversight and funding for the high-speed rail project, the Judicial Council of California's executive compensation practices, and juvenile justice realignment. Prior to her tenure with the auditor's office, Kathleen served as a staff member in the State Assembly of the California Legislature and worked for an advocacy firm that focused primarily on health-related policy issues. Kathleen has bachelor's degrees in psychology and political science from the University of California, Davis, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. Kathleen is training for her third marathon and lives in Sacramento with her husband, two young daughters, and dog Murray.

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Eduardo Luna

San Diego City Auditor

In April 2009, Eduardo Luna was appointed to a 10-year term to serve as the City of San Diego's first City Auditor. Prior to working with the City of San Diego, Eduardo served as Deputy City Auditor in San Jose (1995 to 2007) and as an Evaluator with the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, CA (1990 to 1995). Eduardo is a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Government Financial Manager. He has a B.S. degree in Political Science from Santa Clara University, and a Masters in Public Affairs from the L.B.J. School of Public Affairs, the University of Texas at Austin.

Lindsay Harris

Auditor Specialist

Information Systems

California State Auditor's Office

Lindsay M. Harris is a manager in the Information Technology Audits Unit for the California State Auditor's Office. She is responsible for employee development and evaluation, and managing information systems audits. Mrs. Harris is a Certified Information Systems Auditor and has a Masters in Business Administration from the California State University of Sacramento. Mrs. Harris has worked for the State of California since 2007 and has worked for the California State Auditor's Office for nearly 5 years.

Nate Robb

Senior IT Auditor

Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Nate Robb is a graduate of Arizona State University and is credentialed as a Certified Information Systems Auditor, and is currently pursuing a certification of Offensive Security Certified Professional. Nate is an IT audit Senior for the Arizona Auditor General's Office where he is responsible for evaluating IT systems and network configurations for various state and local government entities. Nate has performed several security audits which simulate hacker techniques to identify security holes that expose sensitive data. In his free time, Nate likes to research IT security topics and has been known to attend several hacking conventions.

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Tonia Lediju

*Director of City Audits
City Services Auditor Division
Office of the Controller
City and County of San Francisco*

In 2009 the City's Controller appointed Tonia Lediju as Director of City Audits. Tonia has 20+ years of leadership and government auditing experience. She previously served as audit director for various State of California agencies. Tonia strives to provide the highest quality of service to the City and is committed to accountability, excellence, and transparency. "How can the Audits organization best serve the City with a viable audit program?" said Tonia. In meeting this challenge, robust and risk-based audit programs were developed pertaining to the City's key business processes and activities, resulting in successful collaboration and overall positive feedback from City management and leaders. Under her leadership, the Audits Unit was awarded a Gold Knighton Award, presented by ALGA, for an audit of Purchasing of Office Depot Office Supplies, which found that Office Depot overcharged the City at least \$5.75 million. Also, Tonia leads the City's efforts in cost recovery for disasters such as the 2013 Asiana plane crash at SFO and the Rim fire in the central Sierra Nevada region. In 2016, Tonia was awarded the David M. Walker Award. Tonia's leadership philosophy is service through integrity, teamwork and collaboration, respect, and inclusion. Through this she has built a high-functioning audit organization.

Dr. Lamees Khorshid

Clinical Health Psychologist

Dr. Lamees Khorshid is a Clinical Health Psychologist in Los Angeles, California. She serves in the public and private sector as a Coach and Consultant for individuals, families, executive leaders, and top athletes. Dr. Khorshid is also a public speaker for various hospitals and corporations. She is a professor at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles, California. She holds certifications in Biofeedback, Neurofeedback, and Medical Hypnosis. She completed her Health Psychology postdoctoral residency at the Cleveland Clinic, a world leader in medical excellence. Dr. Khorshid has given various national and international presentations in Peak Performance, Health and Happiness. Areas of specialization include performance coaching, corporate wellness, happiness, stress management, positive psychology, weight management, energy enhancement, insomnia treatment, pain management, biofeedback, healthy living, achieving goals, and overcoming resistance. Dr. Khorshid utilizes techniques of motivational interviewing, biofeedback, and cognitive-behavioral therapy to foster success in personal, professional, and relationship goals.

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Natalie Forbort

Special Agent in Charge

Inspector General for U.S. Department of Education

Natalie M. Forbort graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago (1989) with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Spanish. Natalie is also a Certified Fraud Examiner. Natalie joined the U.S. Department of Education/OIG in 1989. She worked in the Chicago and St. Paul offices for 8 years. As an agent, Natalie conducted investigations of school owners and individuals that defrauded the government in the area of federal student aid. For the past 19 years, Natalie has been the Special Agent in Charge for the Long Beach office of the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Inspector General. As the Special Agent in Charge, Natalie is responsible for overseeing investigations of financial aid fraud and grant fraud for any of the U.S. Department of Education programs. These investigations involve online fraud related to Federal Student Aid programs, owners and employees of institutions that misuse Federal Student Aid funds, and fraud by individuals or organizations involving theft of elementary and secondary funds. Her office is responsible for conducting investigations in 13 states. Natalie is responsible for overseeing offices in Long Beach, Phoenix, and Denver.