



BIOGRAPHIES

Sandra Richtermeyer

Sandra Richtermeyer, Ph.D, is dean of the UMass Lowell Manning School of Business. She brings more than 25 years of higher education experience to UMass Lowell, including more than 12 years in academic leadership roles ranging from global professor-in-residence of the Institute of Management Accountants to department chair and associate dean of the Williams College of Business at Xavier University in Cincinnati. She works actively with a variety of professional organizations and is a frequent speaker on topics related professional development and leadership. Richtermeyer's teaching and research interests are in the areas of corporate governance, accounting information systems, and nonprofit and governmental accounting. Her research interests include technology enablement and enterprise systems, non-profit accounting, and corporate governance. Richtermeyer has authored many articles in academic and practitioner publications and has more than 20 years of experience on boards as well as technology and accounting related advisory committees. She has also worked as a CPA for many years in Denver with a practice focus on compliance, assurance and systems implementation. Richtermeyer served as the Global Chair of the Institute of Management Accountants from 2010-2011. She is the 2013-2014 Ohio Accounting Educator of the Year and the 2011 American Women's Society of CPAs Educator of the Year. She is the 2013-2014 President of the American Accounting Association (AAA) Ohio Region and a Vice President on the board of the AAA Accounting Program Leaders Group. She has also served a member of the Executive Board of the Ohio Society of CPAs, a board member on the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) of the Treadway Commission, in addition to service on the U.S. Comptroller General's Green Book Advisory Council. Richtermeyer holds both her Ph.D. in accounting and her M.S. and MBA from the University of Colorado.

Lori Pilcher

Lori S. Pilcher is the Regional Inspector General for Audit Services for HHS Office of Audit Services, Office of Inspector General based in Atlanta, GA. Lori is responsible for providing direction and guidance for protecting the integrity of Medicare and Medicaid and the well-being of beneficiaries safeguarding the integrity and security of HHS's information systems; fostering food, drug and medical device safety and effectiveness; safeguarding the integrity of HHS's grant programs; and identifying and reducing the incidents of improper payments. Lori started her career with HHS-OIG in 1987 in the Boston regional office and has fulfilled several roles including Assistant Inspector General for Financial Management and Regional Operations and Assistant Inspector General for Grants, Internal Activities and Information Technology Audits based in Washington, DC. In 1984, Lori obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from Bryant University located in Smithfield, RI. Her major was in accounting. In 1999, she obtained a Masters in Business Administration degree from Simmons College located in Boston, MA. Lori is also a Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Public Accountant.



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Shawn Warren

Shawn Warren is the partner in charge of the New England Public Sector Practice and is also the national Audit Sector Leader for the State and Local Government practice. He has more than 32 years of experience serving states and large municipalities. Throughout his career, Shawn has served as engagement partner on some of the Firm's largest and most complex governments. He also spent 3 years working in New York City as a technical resource in the Firm's national government practice. In this role he assisted in the development of the Firm's audit approach and provided technical advice and support to engagement teams around the country. Shawn has served clients including the States of New York, New Hampshire, Vermont; cities of Boston and Providence; state authorities of Dormitory Authority of NY State, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Massachusetts Health Insurance Connector Authority, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, and Massachusetts School Building Authority; and other clients like Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Bay State Gas, Massachusetts Lottery Commission, New Hampshire Turnpike Commission, New Hampshire Lottery Commission. In addition to his audit skills, Shawn has performed and managed numerous advisory engagements for state and local governments including, among others, software implementation, cost allocation, operational assessments and reviews, and fraud reviews and investigation. Shawn has authored numerous papers and speaks frequently on various government and non-profit topics. He also serves on the *Government Accounting and Auditing Committee* of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants as well as on the GFOA's *Special Review Committee* for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Report Program. He has an M.S. from Bentley College, B.S. from Merrimack College and is a licensed CPA.



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Ernie Almonte

Ernie is a partner at RSM and is a firm-designated government, not-for-profit, litigation support, and higher education specialist with more than 37 years of experience. Ernie works in the Boston Not-For-Profit/Public Sector Industry team. He has managed the audits of numerous public sector and not-for-profit organizations, and has provided technical assistance on accounting and financial reporting issues to these organizations. Ernie is a frequent speaker on industry related topics. Prior to joining RSM, Ernie spent 16 years as the R.I. Auditor General where he was responsible for the State of Rhode Island financial, performance and fraud audits. In that role, Ernie was responsible for the \$8 billion dollar CAFR and overseeing the audits of the quasi public agencies and municipalities. Ernie has also provided extensive training, including nationally, on topics such as the GAGAS, GASB and FASAB accounting standards, and fraud risks for federal, state, and local professionals serving government, and not-for-profit and higher education clients. He has served in numerous positions as Chairman of audit committees, including universities and the Department of Defense Audit Advisory Committee at the Pentagon. He has many professional affiliations and credentials, including a CPA, Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Certified Government Financial Manager. He has a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Science in Taxation, and a Honorary Doctorate from Bryant University. He is also a Senior Executive in State and Local Government from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.