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Gene L. Dodaro

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 committee. 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, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—the stimulus legislation designed to combat the economic downturn, and under the TARP program to help stabilize financial markets and institutions.

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 30 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 government wide and led the updating of standards for internal controls in the federal government.

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 many of GAO's top honors as well as recognition from outside organizations, including the American

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Society for Public Administration, the Institute for Internal Auditors, and Federal Computer Week. These include:

- The 2009 Roger W. Jones Award from American University for outstanding executive leadership in the federal government.
- The 2008 Association of Government Accountants' National President's Award in recognition of outstanding vision in leading GAO through a major transition and for partnering with AGA to improve government financial management.
- The 2006 Association of Government Accountants' Elmer B. Staats Award for improving government performance and government accountability.
- The 2003 American Society for Public Administration's and the National Academy of Public Administration's National Public Service Award recognizing outstanding practitioners in public service.
- The 2001 Association of Government Accountants' Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award for sustained outstanding leadership in financial management.
- The 2000 Institute of Internal Auditor's (D.C. Chapter) Person of the Year for leadership in addressing the Year 2000 computing challenge.
- The 1999 Federal Computer Week's Information Technology Top 100 Award.
- The 1989 Arthur S. Flemming Award for outstanding individual performance in government.

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

Michelle A. Sager

Michelle Sager is a Director in the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Strategic Issues team. Her current portfolio covers federal regulatory and budget issues. She previously led a body of work on state and local fiscal conditions, states' and localities' uses of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), and federal grant funds. During 2012-2013, Ms. Sager has also worked with a GAO-wide team to identify strategies to more efficiently manage GAO projects.

Ms. Sager began her GAO career as a social science analyst consulting with and providing assistance to GAO engagement teams on qualitative and quantitative research methods and analysis. She later managed a portion of and contributed to a multi-year body of work assessing China's World Trade Organization (WTO) membership and U.S. companies' views regarding implementation of China's WTO commitments.

Her efforts at GAO have been recognized through multiple Results Through Teamwork, team and Learning Center awards as well as a 2009 Meritorious Service award in recognition of outstanding and sustained leadership in coordinating GAO's efforts to report on the Recovery Act, demonstrating a commitment to serving Congress. Ms. Sager also serves on GAO's adjunct faculty.

Her prior experience includes positions as an adjunct faculty member at Johns Hopkins University's Institute for Policy Studies and George Mason University's School of Public Policy. Prior to joining GAO, she served as a research fellow and instructor at George Mason University's School of Public Policy and Department of Public and International Affairs. Ms. Sager's experience with intergovernmental policy issues began while serving as legislative staff in the Missouri House of Representatives and continued during positions on a congressional campaign and in the U.S. House of Representatives. Ms. Sager received a Ph.D. in Public Policy and M.A. in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University in Virginia in addition to a B.A. in Communications and Political Science from Truman State University in Missouri.

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Kelly Todd

Kelly Todd is a shareholder at Forensic Strategic Solutions, a national financial investigation firm specializing in fraud examination and investigative financial consulting services. In her work as a forensic accountant and fraud examiner, she provides services for plaintiff and defense attorneys, audit committees, corporate boards, and governmental entities. Ms. Todd testifies as an expert witness in federal and state courts on matters involving economic damages in a broad range of personal and corporate disputes.

Ms. Todd has a broad range of experience in the investigation and analysis of electronic evidence. She has conducted forensic examinations for governmental agencies, including the second largest school district in the United States, as well as publicly held and closely held businesses.

Ms. Todd is a faculty member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She teaches throughout the country on various forensic accounting matters including electronic evidence and discovery, data mining, internal investigations, and financial statement fraud.

Kathleen Tighe

On March 17, 2010, **Kathleen S. Tighe** was sworn in as the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education. In December 2011, Ms. Tighe was appointed by President Obama to chair the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, a position she undertakes while continuing to serve as the Inspector General of the Department of Education. In June 2011, Inspector General Tighe was also appointed to serve on the Government Accountability and Transparency Board.

Ms. Tighe has a long and distinguished career in government accountability and a wealth of experience in fighting fraud. Prior to taking the helm at Education, she was the Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture. From 1995 to 2005, she served as Counsel to the Inspector General, General Services Administration and, before that, as an Assistant Counsel for the Office of Inspector General.

From 1988 until 1991, Ms. Tighe was a Trial Attorney in the Fraud Section of the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Department of Justice. In that post, she litigated cases under the civil False Claims Act involving government agencies, including the Department of Defense, the Department of Agriculture, and the General Services Administration. Prior to her government service, Ms. Tighe was in private practice with the law firm Lewis, Mitchell & Moore.

As a senior government official, Ms. Tighe has repeatedly demonstrated her strong commitment to transparency and accountability. At the Education Department, she has focused on recovering funds misused by contractors and others. As a member of the Recovery Board, she has been a strong advocate for providing clear accountability on how Recovery Act funds are distributed by federal agencies and used by recipients.

Ms. Tighe also has played an active role in the operations of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), an independent entity established by Congress to promote integrity, economy, and effectiveness in government. She is Chair of CIGIE's Information Technology Committee and a member of CIGIE's Audit Committee. She has lectured frequently to both government and private organizations on issues relating to fraud, waste and abuse in government programs.

Ms. Tighe earned her law degree with honors from George Washington University (JD'83). She has a Master's Degree in International Relations from American University (MA'79). She graduated with distinction from Purdue University (BA'76), where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

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Stacey E. Pickering

Elected as Mississippi's 41st State Auditor in 2007, **Stacey Pickering** was re-elected as State Auditor in 2011, receiving over 75 percent of the vote in the November General Election. Since 2008, Pickering has recovered more than \$19 million in embezzled, misappropriated and misspent taxpayer money on behalf of Mississippians. Throughout his political career, Pickering has made tremendous strides in creating more accountability and transparency in government and continues to promote fiscal responsibility and the need for more efficiency and productivity in government.

In June 2012, Auditor Pickering was honored with the National State Auditor's Association's "National Excellence in Accountability Award" for his work on ARRA accountability and oversight. In 2009, and again in 2013, the Department of Defense honored him with a Patriot Award from its Mississippi Committee on Employer's Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) in recognition of his extraordinary support of its employees who serve in the Mississippi National Guard and Reserve.

During the 2012 presidential election, Stacey served as the state chairman of Mitt Romney's Presidential campaign in Mississippi where he was surrogate speaking statewide, organizing a volunteer base and raising funds to help in Governor Romney's Presidential race.

Auditor Pickering currently serves on the Domestic Working Group for the Office of the Comptroller General of the United States. He also serves on the Financial Management and Intergovernmental Affairs and Performance Audit Committees for the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers and is a member of the National State Auditors Association. Stacey Pickering serves as a Chaplain in the Mississippi Air National Guard of the 253rd Air Support Squadron. He is also a dedicated troop leader for Boy Scouts of America.

Auditor Pickering is a seventh-generation Mississippian from Jones County. He and his wife, Whitney, live in Laurel, Miss., with their four children.

Daryl G. Purpera

Daryl G. Purpera was unanimously elected by the Legislature to serve as the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana on April 6, 2010, and sworn in on April 19, 2010. Mr. Purpera previously served as the First Assistant Legislative Auditor for three years, and has 27 years of audit experience including financial audits, investigative audits, conducting forensic interviews, and testifying before courts and legislative committees.

Mr. Purpera holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Louisiana State University, and has been a certified public accountant since 1985. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and served on the AICPA State and Local Government Expert Panel from 2009 - 2011.

As a member of the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants, Mr. Purpera serves on the Government Accounting & Auditing Committee. He serves as a state representative for the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum, as well as an Executive Committee Member for the Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum. He is also a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Government Finance Officers Association.

As the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Mr. Purpera statutorily serves on the Fiscal Review Committee, Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee, Cash Management Review Board, Investment Advisory Committee and the Law Enforcement Officers & Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board.

Mr. Purpera is dedicated to the fulfillment of the LLA's mission: "To foster accountability and

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transparency in Louisiana government by providing the Legislature and others with audit services, fiscal advice, and other useful information.”

John E. Dicken

John Dicken is a Director for Health Care issues at the U.S. Government Accountability Office where he directs GAO’s evaluations of private health insurance and prescription drug pricing issues. Recent areas of focus for GAO reports under Mr. Dicken’s leadership include implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, health benefits offered to federal and U.S. Postal Service employees and retirees, and prescription drug payment and pricing in federal programs including Medicare Part D, Medicaid, and the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense. He has also led GAO evaluations of nursing home quality of care and long-term care insurance. He previously held Analyst and Assistant Director positions with GAO’s Health Care team. Prior to working at GAO, Mr. Dicken was a Senior Analyst for the Presidential Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry and a legislative fellow with the majority health staff of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources (since renamed the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions). Mr. Dicken is a graduate of Carleton College and has a Masters in Public Administration from Columbia University.

Jerry Durham

Jerry Durham is technical manager for the State of Tennessee, Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Local Government Audit. The division has statutory responsibility for audits of local governments in Tennessee. A 29-year veteran of the division, Jerry has served as an auditor, audit supervisor, training instructor, and technical manager. Jerry is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). As technical manager for the division, he is responsible for developing professional compliance procedures and monitoring the division’s quality performance under GASB, AICPA, OMB, and GAO accounting and auditing standards. Some of Jerry’s more recent assignments include heading the team that implemented the Risk Assessment Suite of Standards, and assisting the Division in implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act requirements and GASB Statement No. 54. Currently, Jerry is assisting the Division in implementing the new Clarity Standards. In addition, Jerry teaches training classes for the Tennessee Department of Audit (Yellow Book and Audit Findings) and has made training presentations for several other professional organizations including the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants; Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association; National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; Association of Government Accountants; County Technical Assistance Service; and various county official’s associations. He has served the National State Auditors Association External Peer Review program as a reviewer, team leader, and concurring reviewer and assists in performing field reviews for GFOA’s Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program. Jerry has also provided training for state auditors in Kentucky, Minnesota, North Dakota, Idaho, North Carolina, and for the New York City Comptroller’s Office. In addition to these duties, Jerry currently serves on the state’s Interagency Cash Flow Committee which operates under the authority of the Tennessee State Funding Board.

Jerry was a partner in the accounting firm of Crosthwaite Durham and Associates. He also served as controller for Rural Healthcare of America, Inc., and taught accounting as a member of the adjunct faculty for Columbia State Community College and Austin Peay State University.

Jerry received his accounting degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA); the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) where he serves as chair of the CGFM committee for the Nashville chapter; the Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association (TGFOA) where he

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serves as state liaison to the Board of Directors; and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). Jerry is also a graduate from the Tennessee Government Executive Institute (TGEI) which is a training program for government leaders through the University of Tennessee.

Jerry is married and has three children and one grandchild.

Donna Joseph

Donna Joseph is the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Financial Management and Information Technology Audit with the Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General (OIG) overseeing financial management, information technology, and program audits of grants and federal financial assistance. Donna has been with OIG since 1998 and has worked primarily on financial statement and program audits. Given the economic crisis since 2008, the OIG's oversight has increased, and as a result, Donna became responsible for audit oversight of multibillion dollar programs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Housing and Recovery Act of 2008. More recently, she has become responsible for the audit oversight of activities funded by the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund. Donna has spent her federal audit career with the Treasury OIG. She received her bachelors in accounting from the University of Maryland and is a certified public accountant.

Eileen Kao

Eileen Kao is an Audit Manager with the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Eileen has been with OIG since January 2010 and has been working in the Gulf Coast Restoration Oversight directorate since January 2013. During her time at OIG she has led material loss reviews, contracting audits, and performance audits. Prior to joining the OIG she was a Federal Strategy & Operations consultant with Deloitte Consulting and IBM. Eileen completed her dual B.S. in Information Systems and Logistics & Supply Chain Strategy and a B.A in Psychology at the University of Maryland.

Marvin Bickham

Marvin Bickham is a graduate from McNeese State University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Currently Marvin works as a criminal investigator for the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of the Inspector General. Marvin has 24 plus years as a criminal investigator and law enforcement officer. Marvin also worked as a criminal Investigator for the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of the Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), Office of Internal Affairs. Marvin has worked criminal and administrative cases involving Treasury Bureaus, Financial Institutions, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Special Agents and employees, BOP employees, United States Marshals Service employees, and DOJ, to name a few. In addition he has provided advice and assistance to the Assistant United States Attorneys in preparing cases for prosecution and briefed the Assistant Attorney General for Policy, Management and Planning Operations on numerous occasions. Marvin has testified at grand juries and presented evidence collected during investigations to obtain indictments and testified at trial and administrative hearings in matters involving Federal Criminal statutes and administrative violations.

Leslie Ward

Leslie Ward has served as City Auditor for the City of Atlanta since October 2001. She is Atlanta's first independent city auditor, reporting to an audit committee that includes 3 citizen members, as well as representatives of the Mayor and the City Council. She and her staff are charged with auditing the performance and finances of city programs, activities, and contractors.

Ms. Ward has served on the International Government Relations Committee of the Institute of Internal Auditors and is on the board of the Atlanta IIA Chapter. She also serves on the executive committee of the Southeastern Intergovernmental Audit Forum and the US

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Comptroller General's domestic working group. She is a past president of the Association of Local Government Auditors and served on the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards from 1999 through 2001.

Ms. Ward was Deputy City Auditor for Kansas City, Missouri from 1991 to 2001, and previously worked for the Tennessee Division of State Audit and the Vanderbilt Institute of Public Policy Studies. She earned undergraduate and master's degrees in political science, as well as an MBA. She is a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Government Audit Professional (CGAP). She received the 2004 CGAP Highest Achievement Award from the IIA.

Krista Baker-Hernandez

Krista Baker-Hernandez is a senior auditor with the Performance Audit Services of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office. Krista has more than 12 years of public program evaluation and performance audit experience. Before joining the Legislative Auditor's office, she worked for Riverdale Park, Maryland as the deputy town administrator, and the Office of Legislative Oversight for the Montgomery County Council in Rockville, Maryland.

In her capacity as a senior performance auditor, Krista acts as the auditor-in-charge for audits dealing with economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of state programs and functions. During her time with LLA, she has conducted audits and special projects on various topics, including economic development, hurricane recovery, state retirement systems, workforce development, contract management, and fiscal analysis of proposed legislation.

Krista has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and a Master of Public Policy degree with a concentration on economic policy from American University in Washington D.C. Krista is a Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Government Auditing Professional. In addition, she has earned her Certification in Risk Management Assurance.

William Leonards

William Leonards is a senior auditor in the performance audit division of the Louisiana Office of the Legislative Auditor. William has 4 years of performance audit experience, all of which have been with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office.

William is currently working on an audit of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources – Office of Conservation and their role in regulating oil and gas wells in the state of Louisiana. Previous audits have included the Department of Economic Development and its administering of Motion Picture Tax Credits, the Louisiana Special Education Center, and informational reports on the state's cell phone usage/cost savings opportunities and state travel expenditures.

William has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography, a minor in Business Administration, a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Management Systems, and a Master of Business Administration, with concentrations in Internal Audit and Chinese Business and Culture, from Louisiana State University. William is a Certified Internal Auditor, a Certified Government Auditing Professional, and has a Certification in Risk Management Assurance.

Sam Atkinson

Originally from New Orleans, **Sam Atkinson** began at Mississippi State University in 1987 after graduating from the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. At Mississippi State she earned bachelors' degrees in History, Political Science, and Foreign Languages. She completed her Master's degree in Public Policy and Administration in 1996, while working full time.

Over the last 25 years, her skills and knowledge have led her to work at such organizations as

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- The Center for International Security and Strategic Studies (Senior Analyst),
- The National Security Agency (Russian Cryptography Program),
- The John C. Stennis Institute of Government (Senior Research Analyst),
- The Mississippi Municipal League (Director of Policy and Research), and most recently at
- The Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, where she serves as Director of Performance Audit.

At OSA, she and her staff work to improve efficiency and effectiveness in government through better performance and management using government performance audit standards. Based on requests from the State Auditor, the Legislature, the Governor, state agencies, and other government entities, she coordinates performance related reviews and audits of government programs.

Many topics, from the management and controls over the K-12 education system; federal program use in the State, performance based budgeting and management, economic development incentive auditing, health care accessibility and viability, and a wide variety of other topics are all part of her division's work. In addition, her division is responsible for validating the MS Adequate Education Program of funding that accounts for more than 40% of the State's general fund budget as well as data quality audits at the 152 school districts across the State.

Sam is married, has 7-year old twin boys and lives in Brandon, MS.

Beth Pendergrass

Elizabeth (Beth) Pendergrass has been with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit since 1985. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where she majored in history, classics, and political science. She received her master of public administration degree from the University of Tennessee. She is a certified information systems auditor, a certified fraud examiner, and a certified government financial manager. Ms. Pendergrass is currently an audit manager in the information systems group, where she focuses on data analytic techniques. She is a member of the Nashville Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association, and is currently the secretary of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

David Ashley

David Ashley is the Director of IT Audit for the State of Mississippi with the Office of the State Auditor. David has over 30 years of experience on domestic and international levels in information technology auditing, operations, applications development, and technical support. In addition, he has been involved in numerous business continuity planning and disaster recovery projects. David graduated from Delta State University with a Master of Education in 1975 and Millsaps College with a Master of Business Administration in 2000. David is a Certified Information Systems Auditor, Certified Information Security Manager, Certified Business Continuity Professional, Certified HIPAA Professional, and is Certified in Risk and Information Systems Controls. In recent years he has served as Manager of IT Risk and Assurance for a major regional accounting firm, where he gained considerable experience in the areas of publically traded and private entities, healthcare, SAS70/SSAE 16, and regulatory compliance.

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Melinda Crutchfield

Melinda Crutchfield is the Department of Audit Training Officer for the State of Tennessee Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury. Prior to becoming the Training Officer, Melinda served as a Legislative Audit Investigator for the Comptroller's Special Investigations Unit for 15 years investigating allegations of complex fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds and property.

Over the course of her career in state government, Melinda has provided specialized training across the country on matters related to fraud and fraud auditing, interviewing and interrogation techniques, rapport building, behavioral analysis, and detecting and identifying deceptive behavior.

Melinda has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in criminal justice, both from Middle Tennessee State University, and has been a Certified Fraud Examiner for over 14 years. A graduate of the Tennessee Government Management Institute, she currently serves as president of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners and is a member of both the National Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Association of Government Accountants.

Melinda has served on boards for the Wilson County Boys and Girls Club, the Wilson County HeadStart School Program, and the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce. She has also served on the Wilson County Black History Committee and is a charter member of Leadership Wilson.

Awarded the Lebanon High School Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service Melinda has been the recipient of the Instructor of the Year Award for the Department of Audit for 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2011.

Wayne McElrath

Wayne McElrath joined the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Forensic Audit and Investigative Service (FAIS) team, Washington, DC in 2011. As the Director of Investigations, Mr. McElrath is responsible for conducting proactive and reactive investigations relative to allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse in federally funded programs.

Prior to joining the GAO, he served as the Acting Assistant Inspector General for Investigations with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG). In that role, he implemented outreach and education efforts and coordinated responses to allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse associated with EPA programs and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and provided managerial direction to national geographically dispersed investigative organizations. From 2000 to 2008, he served as a Supervisory Special Agent in numerous capacities with the United States Postal, Office of Inspector General, providing oversight of the investigative component's financial, operational, and human resource activities.

Prior to the USPS OIG, Mr. McElrath worked as a Senior Special Agent with the United States Customs Service, the forerunner to the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Homeland Security Investigations. In this role, he conducted and managed Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force investigations, which led to numerous arrests of individuals and the seizures of assets from those engaged in international narcotics smuggling and money laundering. Moreover, he served as a field-training officer to new criminal investigators, as well as provided them with guidance relative to the application of law enforcement techniques, undercover operations, and agency policies and procedures.

He holds Bachelors of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Missouri - St. Louis with minors in psychology and sociology. Additionally, he is a Harvard

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Kennedy School of Government, Senior Executive Fellow, graduate of the Office of Personnel Management Leadership for a Democratic Society program and a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). Having honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army Reserves, he is presently a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Association of Certified Inspectors General, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.