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Dr. Timothy M. Persons is the Chief Scientist of the United States Government Accountability Office as well as a Director for GAO's Center for Science, Technology, and Engineering (CSTE).

In these roles he is an expert on advanced analytics and cutting-edge science and technology, key highly-specialized national and international systems, engineering policies, best practices, and original research studies in the fields of engineering, computer, and the physical and biological sciences to ensure efficient, effective, and economical use of science and technology in government programs.

He has led and conducted advanced scientific and technical studies for the U.S. Congress on topics ranging from data analytics, bioforensics, oversight of high containment laboratories, 3D printing, nonmanufacturing, biodetection systems, homeland security imaging and nuclear detection systems, and freshwater conservation technologies.



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Drew Rosen is a Senior Manager in the Audit Quality and Professional Practice at KPMG LLP and has 10 years of experience in government auditing.

Prior to starting his new role in the Audit Quality and Professional Practice in New York, Drew served as the Data & Analytics Lead Champion for KPMG's Federal Audit Practice in Washington, DC, in which he worked closely with government audit engagement teams to create and deploy D&A routines into their audits, seek and identify new opportunities for audit innovation, and train personnel on implementing D&A routines.

Drew currently serves as the membership director of the Association of Government Accountants New York Chapter and previously served as the Membership Director for the Washington, DC chapter for 3 years.



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Andre DaSilva is the Director of Information Systems and Security Audit within the Office of New York City Comptroller's Audit Bureau, Information Technology (IT) Audit Division, where he is responsible for work examining IT issues across the New York City agencies and planning/implementing a wide variety of technology audits. Mr. DaSilva is an IT professional with over 30 years of experience in delivering information technology and business solutions for global organizations. His experience encompasses mergers and acquisitions, global information technology, information security, software engineering, technical architecture, infrastructure, shared services, data warehouse and analytics, portfolio and program management, global outsourcing, and a wide array of technology solutions. Prior joining New York City Comptroller, Mr. DaSilva directed programs at various industries including global financial and insurance services, accounting, supply chain management, transportation, government (State and Federal), retail, consulting and software manufacturing, telecommunications, as well as education.

Mr. DaSilva holds a bachelor's degree with specialization in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a master's degree in Information Technology Project Management from George Washington University among other degrees and certifications.



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Nick Marinos joined the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) in 2002 and serves as Director of Cybersecurity & Data Protection issues within its Information Technology team. As part of his responsibilities in this role, Nick manages audit teams that perform government wide and agency-specific cybersecurity, privacy, critical infrastructure and data protection reviews across all major federal agencies. Nick is a certified information privacy professional and holds a Master's in Business Administration and a Bachelor's of Science from Virginia Tech.



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Brian Browne is an Executive Director in Ernst & Young's Forensic & Integrity Services (Forensics) Practice in New York with over 25 years of experience in audit, financial reporting and forensic accounting, and other advisory services.

Brian joined EY as an executive with Forensics in 2005. He has provided services in the following areas: fraud and forensic investigations, monitorship, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations, litigation engagements, accounting restatements, financial statement audits, attestation engagements, and worked extensively in financial reporting roles.

Prior to joining EY, Mr. Browne had gained extensive accounting experience as a member of a Big 4 audit practice in Ireland (1990 – 1996), focusing primarily on the Financial Services Industry. Mr. Browne subsequently joined the European Accounting Department of an IT Manufacturer. Mr. Browne left that company to become the Financial Controller of a Facility Management company (2001-2004).



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Tamara Dethlefsen is a Senior Manager in EY's Forensic & Integrity Services practice with over nine years of experience.

Tamara's focus is primarily in the areas of federal grants, fraud and forensic investigations, dispute services and regulatory compliance. Prior to joining Forensics, Tamara worked in EY's Assurance and Advisory Business Services group where she worked on real estate audit engagements.

Tamara assisted in a large gatekeeper integrity monitoring engagement on behalf of a state affected by Hurricane Sandy that entails risk assessments of recipients of federal funding as well as monitoring of their integrity monitors. A large effort focused on identifying the disaster related federal grants flowing into the state and how it was being disbursed amongst the state agencies and local municipalities.

She has performed interim and year-end Section 404 testing procedures for all significant accounts for a publicly traded major real estate developer and reviewed financial statements to ensure proper disclosures.



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Dianne Sinclair is a Senior Manager in the Advisory Services practice of Ernst & Young LLP. Dianne has over 15 years project management, engineering and construction advisory and disputes experience with extensive experience in the delivery of large scale building construction projects. Dianne's construction, project management and engineering experience includes virtually all aspects of the design and construction process, across all phases of the project lifecycle.

Dianne also advises major developers, owners and construction clients on the planning, execution, governance, risk management, monitoring and reporting of large capital programs. Her experience includes governance and controls assessments, construction cost audits, schedule analysis, construction risk assessments, contract compliance assessments, due diligence, project and program management oversight and litigation and disputes investigation.

Dianne is currently leading a 5 year construction audit and integrity monitoring program for a major financial institution's \$2 billion renovation of their 2.4 million square foot New York Headquarters.



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Kenneth Feinstein is a Senior Manager in EY's Forensic Technology & Discovery Services practice within Forensic & Integrity Services. Kenneth has over 18 years of professional experience working in large global organizations with multiple business units.

Kenneth currently oversees a wide range of forensic data analytics engagements across multiple sectors. Kenneth has extensive experience utilizing tools and methodologies to deliver valuable data analytics for large scale, complex investigations, proactive anti-fraud efforts and compliance programs for fortune 500 clients across multiple sectors. He has specific experience using forensic technology and fraud detection analytics, including data visualization and text analytics, designed to identify key risks, develop and execute automated test plans to help clients mitigate risks and addressing compliance concerns.

Kenneth has specific engagement experience performing third party forensic data assessments, including analysis of user access, compliance with contractual documentation and producing findings and recommendations reports to regulators.