

**Doug Jones**  
**City Auditor**  
**City of Kansas City, Missouri**

Douglas Jones has been the city auditor of Kansas City, Missouri, since June 2013. He has almost 30 years of private and government auditing experience, 24 of those auditing Kansas City government. Jones currently serves as the chair of the Mid-America Intergovernmental Audit Forum as well as the MAMIAF's local government representative to the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum. He is a member of the United States Comptroller General's Domestic Working Group. Jones also serves on the Advocacy Committee of the Association of Local Government Auditors. He is a Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Government Auditing Professional and holds a Certificate in Risk Management Assurance. He holds both a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from Wichita State University.

**Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene  
Principals  
Barrett and Greene, Inc.**

Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene have focused on the field of city and state government through research, analysis, consultation and writing for over twenty five years. They are principals of Barrett and Greene, Inc., and frequently research and write about topics relating to government auditing.

The husband-and-wife team are senior fellows at the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, they are special project consultants to the Volcker Alliance, senior fellows with the Council of State Governments and fellows in the National Academy of Public Administration.

They are management columnists for Governing Magazine and are also senior fellows at the Governing Institute. In January, 2017, they started their own website, <https://greenebarrett.com/>

Their blog, the B&G Report, which can be found on the website, has a regular feature called Audit Watch.

Barrett and Greene have also served in an advisory capacity to many organizations including the National League of Cities, the Urban Institute, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; the Association of Government Accountants; the National Association of State Chief Administrators Offices, the Center for a Better South and others. In addition, they have co-written five books. They have two children, Benjamin and Sandra.

**Scott Frank**  
**Legislative Post Auditor**  
**Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit**

Scott has been with the Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit since 1999, and became the state's fifth Legislative Post Auditor in September 2010. Prior to his appointment as Post Auditor, Scott managed the division's education, IT security, and data mining audit functions. He holds a B.S. in management information systems from Kansas State University, an M.S. in business administration from the University of Kansas, and is currently working on a PhD in economics and public administration at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**Blake Bryant**  
**Assistant Professor of Practice**  
**Master of Science in Information Technology Program**  
**The University of Kansas – Edwards Campus**

Blake Bryant is currently serving as an assistant Professor of Practice at the University of Kansas, focusing on teaching Cybersecurity courses to students in the Master's of Science in Information Technology program. Prior to joining academia, Blake held numerous technical and managerial positions within prominent cyber security companies including: Ernst & Young, Optiv Security and Fishnet Security. Blake is also an officer in the United States Army reserves, with a total of 14 years of military experience in the Infantry, Military Intelligence, and Signal Corps branches. Blake holds multiple industry certifications in information technology and security including the (ISC)2 Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). Blake's current research interests include enterprise security, cyber threat intelligence and ontological frameworks for cyber threat assessment.

**JAMES R. DALKIN, CPA, CGFM**  
**Director**  
**Financial Management and Assurance**  
**U.S. Government Accountability Office**

James R. Dalkin is a Director in the Financial Management and Assurance Team with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). He serves as chairman of the International Auditing and Assurance Board's (IAASB) Consultative Advisory Group (CAG) and previously served as a board member of the AICPA's Auditing Standards Board (ASB). He is also an observer to the COSO Advisory Board.

Mr. Dalkin has responsibility for directing GAO's work to develop and maintain government auditing standards (the *Yellow Book*); internal control standards for the federal government (the *Green Book*); and, GAO's work with the accounting and auditing profession. He is also responsible for the audits of the Securities Exchange Commission and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

He is a frequent speaker at national auditing conferences for AICPA, AGA and other professional organizations. He has also authored articles for publications including the *Journal of Accountancy*. Mr. Dalkin also is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University.

Mr. Dalkin holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Virginia, an MBA from George Washington University and a MLA from Harvard University.

**Christy Thomas  
Director  
Joint Civil Fraud Division  
Office of Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Christy Thomas joined HUD OIG in 2002 immediately upon graduating from the University of Kansas with a B.S. in Accounting and Business Administration. She is a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Certified Public Accountant, licensed to practice in Kansas. Christy had spent her career as an Auditor in the Kansas City Office of Audit before joining the Joint Civil Fraud Division's Midwest group as a Forensic Auditor in April of 2012. In June 2016, Christy was selected as the Director of the Joint Civil Fraud Division.

In Christy's 15-year HUD OIG career, she has conducted numerous audits in all major HUD programs, several of which involved civil actions and/or administrative sanctions. She has also become a subject matter expert in Single Family programs, and in 2009 helped develop OIG's current Single Family training. She also served as a key instructor for that training program. Christy completed OIG's Leadership Development Program (LDP) in 2012.

Christy was also a key recruiter for her Audit region and continues to routinely speak to Accounting classes at the University of Kansas about the opportunities in Federal employment and the importance of OIG work. She has also conducted various presentations to HUD staff and HUD program participants regarding OIG's work and role within HUD.

**Meghan Flanders  
Auditor  
Legislative Division of Post Audit  
State of Kansas**

Meghan Flanders is an Auditor with Legislative Division of Post Audit in Kansas. She has been with the division for a little over two years and just recently began supervising audits. Prior to becoming an auditor, she was a practicing attorney in family and criminal law. She holds a Law Degree and Bachelor's in Sociology and Religious Studies from the University of Kansas.

**Jonathan Lecuyer  
Senior Auditor  
Office of The City Auditor  
City of Kansas City, Missouri**

Jonathan Lecuyer is a Senior Auditor for the city of Kansas City Missouri where he has worked since 2015. Prior to joining the office, Jonathan has experience working in the non-profit housing development field, mental health services, and grant management and compliance. He also completed a 2 year overseas stint to the Philippines with the US Peace Corps where he focused on program evaluation and development of youth programs. Jonathan holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Truman State University and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas City, Missouri where he is also currently a candidate for a Master of Economics degree.



**Carl R. Mayes, Jr., CPA**  
**Senior Manager**  
**Special Projects – Public Accounting**  
**American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)**

Carl Mayes is a Senior Manager on the Public Accounting team at the AICPA. He is the project lead for the AICPA's Enhancing Audit Quality (EAQ) initiative and manages the execution of the AICPA's 6-Point Plan to Improve Audits.

Before working on the EAQ initiative, Carl served on the AICPA Peer Review team and helped develop the AICPA Not-for-Profit Section. Carl is a licensed CPA in North Carolina and worked as an auditor for regional and local public accounting firms before joining the AICPA.

**Jonelle Pianta**  
**Chief Risk Officer**  
**Office of Inspector General (OIG)**  
**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Jonelle began her federal career in 1991 when she joined HUD OIG as a staff auditor. After a few years, she left for private industry for four years. Jonelle returned to HUD OIG in 2002 as a technical representative in the quality control and oversight division and became an Assistant Director in 2012. Jonelle's role changed in spring 2017. In response to the Office of Budget and Management Circular-A123 update in July 2016, HUD OIG placed new focus on having appropriate risk management processes and systems to identify challenges early, to bring them to the attention of leadership, and to develop solutions. The agency recently appointed Jonelle as the Chief Risk Officer. She developed the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework, which was adopted by HUD OIG, and is communicating the framework throughout the organization. Jonelle also works closely with HUD's Risk Officers to coordinate programs and avail data, evaluations, and audits when requested. Jonelle also has primary responsibility for feeding the ERM efforts and results into the HUD OIG strategic plan by December 2018.

Jonelle earned her Accounting degree from Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan and has 3 beautiful children ranging in age from 10 to 23.

**Ken Kleffner  
County Auditor  
Office of the County Auditor  
Johnson County, Kansas**

Ken joined Johnson County Audit Services as a Senior Auditor in April 2008. He was appointed Interim County Auditor effective July 1, 2013. Effective March 29, 2015, he was permanently appointed to the position of County Auditor. Prior to joining Johnson County, Ken had an extensive financial management career with the Department of Defense (Corps of Engineers, United States Marine Corps & Defense Finance & Accounting Service) holding a number of progressively responsible leadership positions in financial management.

Ken has a B.S.B.A. degree in Accounting and a MBA degree in Accounting from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri. He is a Certified Internal Auditor and an active member in professional audit and financial management organizations.

**Josh Rueschhoff**  
**Auditor**  
**Legislative Division of Post Audit**  
**State of Kansas**

Josh Rueschhoff is a performance auditor with the Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit and holds an MPA from Wichita State University. Before joining Post Audit, Josh worked with Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters. He has also provided research assistance on diverse projects in south central Kansas such as a transit user study and a food bank donor analysis. He has presented to the National State Auditors Association and has also completed an article on qualitative data analysis software for the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society.

**Daria Milakhina  
Auditor  
Legislative Division of Post Audit  
State of Kansas**

Daria Milakhina has been working for the Kansas Division of Legislative Post Audit since 2015. Before joining Post Audit, Daria worked as a research assistant at University of Kansas Institute for Policy and Social Research and in IT consulting. She received her PhD (2016) in economics from University of Kansas focusing on quantitative analysis in labor economics and her master's degree (2007) in business analytics from NRU-HSE in Russia.