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Biographies

Mark Bailey

Mark Bailey is a Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Section of the Colorado Attorney General's Office. I graduated with High Distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2005. After clerking for Justice Nancy E. Rice of the Colorado Supreme Court, I litigated cases as an associate at Reilly Pozner LLP. I joined the Attorney General's Office in 2010.

Lynn Bartels

Lynn Bartels "retired" from the Denver Post last year to take a job as Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams's communications director. In her previous life, she was named one of Colorado's best political reporters by the Washington Post. The Rocky Mountain News hired her in 1993 as its night cops reporter; a 35-year career in journalism, with long stints at both of Colorado's major newspapers, followed. She keeps her hand in by writing a blog on the Secretary of State website and contributing to the Colorado Statesman, a political weekly.

Mark Bell

In December 2014, Mark Bell was appointed Assistant Inspector General for the Office of Audits. Mr. Bell has been with DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) since 2007, serving in the Office of Audits as the Chief of Operations and most recently as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General. Prior to his arrival at DHS OIG, Mr. Bell worked at the Department of Interior OIG Central Region Office in Denver as a program analyst and then as the Chief of Staff for Audits. From 1992 to 2001, Mr. Bell was self-employed in the financial services industry and worked as a consultant to Bearing Point. He began his career in the U.S. Army, serving more than 11 years, including 8 years overseas, as a tactical communications officer. During this time, Mr. Bell was a tactical operations officer with the 93rd Signal Brigade in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Mr. Bell graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree in business administration; he earned a master's degree in management from Webster University.

Patricia Calhoun

Patricia Calhoun co-founded *Westword*, Denver's News and Arts weekly, in 1977; she's been the editor there ever since. She's a regular on the weekly Colorado Public Television political roundtable *Colorado Inside Out*, the former president of the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies -- a post that got her an unexpected interview with former President Bill Clinton in front of a thousand people (while she was in flip-flops) -- and played a real journalist in John Sayles's *Silver City*.

Stephen E. Coury

Mr. Coury is the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for the City and County of Denver. He is responsible for Information Security, Governance, Risk and Compliance. With over 25 years of experience in information technology, including over 15 years in IT Audit, Steve's background includes municipal government, consumer banking, investment banking, insurance, and telecommunications.

Nina Frant

Nina Frant is a performance audit manager with the Colorado Office of the State Auditor. She has worked for 8 years as a performance auditor, covering topics as varied as child welfare, performance-based budgeting, concealed handgun permitting, motorcycle training subsidies, and medical marijuana regulation. She holds a BA in international affairs from the University of Colorado. Nina lives in Denver with her husband and twin daughters, who will be entering 1st grade this fall.

Alison George

Alison George serves the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Division of Housing (DOH), as its Director, where she directs all DOH programs, ranging from housing voucher programs and building code regulatory oversight, to funding for constructing new affordable housing. Alison was the DOH deputy director prior to taking the helm, and brings more than 20 years of experience in affordable housing development. Before joining DOH, Alison served Mercy Housing Colorado as its regional vice president of Multifamily Housing where she provided overall direction for rental housing developments in Colorado, from initial project conception through the completion and occupancy of the developments. Highlighting Ms. George's work, she led Mercy's efforts to acquire the Aromor Apartments, a historic hotel one block south of Colorado's state Capitol, from the Denver Housing Authority in 2008. Mercy Housing rehabilitated the historic hotel in partnership with Denver's Road Home as permanent supportive housing for the homeless.

Anna Hansen

Anna has over ten years of performance audit experience with the City and County of Denver. She began her career as a staff auditor. Currently, Anna is a Lead Auditor and has conducted performance audits in a variety of City departments such as Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Health and Human Services, Safety, Finance, and the Office of Economic Development. Anna served as the Lead Auditor for the Audit of Rocky Mountain Human Services that received an Exemplary Knighton Award for the *Best Performance Audit Report* from the Association of Local Government Auditors in 2016. In addition, Anna has assisted the Auditor's Office in the creation of several Annual Reports and ensures new audit staff are trained on Government Audit Standards. Anna is also a member of the Association of Local Government Auditors and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Anna holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from the University of Colorado at Denver. She was born and raised in Italy and she has lived in Colorado long enough to consider herself a native Coloradoan. Anna and her husband Steve have two daughters and one son. She enjoys international travel, gourmet cooking, gardening, and crafts.

Tom Jessor

Tom Jessor is an Assistant Director in U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Homeland Security and Justice Team. Mr. Jessor has been with GAO for 26 years and has led work on a range of justice, law enforcement, and immigration issues. He contributed to reports on such topics as federal responses to state marijuana legalization, community policing and crime, disparities in asylum decisions by immigration judges, and federal efforts to respond to corporate crime and health care fraud. He manages several projects on election administration issues, recently examining state voter identification laws, voter wait times at polling locations, and efforts to modernize voter registration procedures. Tom joined GAO's Program Evaluation and Methodology Division in 1990 and transferred to the Los Angeles Office in 1992. He received a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a B.A. in Psychology from Yale University.

Sharon Johnson

Sharon Johnson is an Audit Manager with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG). Ms. Johnson has been with the DHS OIG since its inception in 2003. In this role, she led national performance audits of DHS programs and operations including the Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and other DHS-wide audits. Ms. Johnson has 25 years of Federal auditing experience in the OIG community. Prior to her employment with DHS OIG, she served as Senior Auditor with the Department of Transportation's OIG in Washington, DC and was assigned to Federal Aviation Administration acquisition audits and aviation security audits. Ms. Johnson was the recipient of several awards including the Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency Team Award for Excellence for her audit of the Transportation Security Administration's Office of Inspection. Her work has been the topic of several Congressional briefings resulting in positive changes for the programs audited. She is a graduate of Mount Saint Mary's University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and is a Certified Inspector General Auditor.

Ron Kammerzell

As the Senior Director of Enforcement, Ron has management oversight responsibilities over five divisions including Liquor/Tobacco Enforcement, Gaming, Racing, Auto Industry and Marijuana Enforcement for the Colorado Department of Revenue. Ron has been with the Department for over 24 years. Prior to his appointment as the Senior Director of Enforcement in October 2012, Ron spent nearly 20 years with the Division of Gaming regulating the casino industry in Colorado, including 7 years as the Division Director. Ron also served as the Director of Security for the Colorado Lottery and began his state career with the Colorado Office of the State Auditor. Over the years, Ron has gained extensive experience in complex criminal and financial investigations, auditing, internal controls, regulatory law, public policy and public administration. In November 2012, Ron was appointed by the Governor to the Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force and also co-chaired the Regulatory Framework Working Group. Ron has been intimately involved in the implementation of Amendment 64 for the Department of Revenue over the past 3.5 years. Ron is a Colorado POST Certified peace officer. Ron is a native of Colorado. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1987 with a BSBA in Finance and Real Estate, with a minor in Economics.

Paul Kashmann

Denver Councilman Paul Kashmann from District 6 signed on as an advertising representative for the fledging monthly Washington Park Profile in 1978. Five years later he owned the joint. Over the next 30 years he expanded the scope and depth of the publication and guided it to its place as one of Denver's most respected community newspapers. Running to represent his southeast Denver neighbors on the Denver City Council was a natural next step in Kashmann's dedication to community service. He just completed his first year as Denver's District 6 councilman.

John Kelly

John Kelly was appointed Deputy Inspector General at the Department of Homeland Security in June 2016. John, who has over 40 years of Federal audit experience, joined DHS OIG in 2008 and was appointed the AIG for Emergency Management Oversight (EMO) in May 2013. Under John's leadership EMO transformed itself into an organization that proactively prevents communities from improperly spending disaster assistance and away from an organization that simply reported how those communities improperly spent disaster assistance. John previously served DHS OIG as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for EMO and as the Director of Forensic Audits, in the Office of Information Technology Audits.

Prior to joining DHS OIG, John was the Assistant Director for Forensic Audits and Special Investigations at GAO. During his tenure with GAO, he also directed forensic, performance, and financial statement audits; and program evaluations at numerous Federal agencies, including the Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, Treasury, State, Energy, Health and Human Services, the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Internal Revenue Service. John worked at GAO's Dallas, Denver, and Honolulu field offices, as well as at GAO's Washington headquarters.

John is an instructor at the Graduate School (formally the USDA Graduate School), has served as the Executive Director of the Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum, and as the President of the Dallas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants. John graduated from the University of Scranton; is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Chartered Global Management Accountant, and is Certified in Financial Forensics.

Ken King

Ken King is a Criminal Investigator for the Colorado Attorney General's Office, assigned to the Consumer Protection/Consumer Fraud Section. Ken has over 22 years of law enforcement and investigative experience, dating back to 1994 when he worked as a police officer in Western Springs, Illinois, and then in Lakewood, Colorado. After 12 years of holding varying positions within these local police departments, in 2006 Ken transitioned into state-level investigations specializing in financial fraud and remains in that area of focus today. In addition to his current role, Ken has worked as a Senior Financial Investigator and Tax Enforcement Agent for the Department of Revenue. Ken's formal education and certifications include holding a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) designation by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, he holds a B.S. Criminology degree from Indiana State University, a M.S. Nonprofit Management degree from Regis University, and a M.B.A. Finance emphasis degree from Franklin University. Ken regularly appears and speaks to various professional and academic groups on fraud-related topics to share his knowledge and expertise.

Kathleen MacKenzie

Kathleen MacKenzie serves as communications and government relations director for Denver Auditor Timothy M. O'Brien. She started on the same day in July, 2015 that Auditor O'Brien was sworn in as Denver's 24th elected auditor. She previously handled communications for a renewable energy company in Ontario, Canada; an office of the Toronto City Council; a NGO in Geneva, Switzerland; and the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union. Back when small daily newspapers existed, she was a business and labor reporter in North Carolina.

Kip R. Memmott

Kip has approximately twenty years of auditing, consulting and policy analysis experience at the federal, state, local government and private sector levels. Kip's professional positions include Director of Audit Services for the City and County of Denver, Colorado, Internal Audit Manager with the County of San Diego, California, Performance Audit Supervisor with the State of Arizona's Office of the Auditor General, and as a Senior Consultant with KPMG LLP. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Utah and a Master of Arts degree with a certificate in Public History from Arizona State University.

Kip is a graduate from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government's Executives in State and Local Government education program and has a Certificate in Public Leadership from the prestigious Brookings Institute. In addition to his academic and professional experience, Kip is a Certified Government Auditing Professional and has attained the Certified Risk Management Assurance credential. Kip currently serves on the Association of Local Government Auditors' Governing Board and the Institute of Internal Auditors American Center for Government Auditing Advisory Board. Kip has provided numerous trainings and presentations to professional groups including, among others, members of the Institute of Internal Auditors, the Intergovernmental Audit Forum, the Association of Local Government Auditors and Association of Government Accountants. Additionally, Kip has made numerous formal presentations to legislative bodies, including the Arizona State Legislature and the Denver City Council and regularly makes presentations during the City of Denver's televised Audit Committee meetings.

Kip has been formally recognized several times for his excellent work performance. For example, Kip was recognized through the City of Denver's prestigious 5281 Award program. Kip was named the County of San Diego Auditor and Controller Department's Employee of the Year in 2002 and 2006 and a project he managed examining the State of Arizona's behavioral health system received an Impact Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures. In 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 performance audits he directed received Knighton Awards from the Association of Local Government Auditors. Additionally, in 2014, the Institute of Internal Auditors identified the City and County of Denver, Colorado's Auditor's Office as one of eleven best practice audit functions for major cities in the United States and Canada.

Timothy M. O'Brien

Timothy M. O'Brien, CPA, was elected to a four-year term as Denver Auditor in 2015. Auditor O'Brien is licensed in Colorado as a Certified Public Accountant, has a MBA from the University of Colorado, and holds the designations of Chartered Financial Analyst and Chartered Global Management Accountant. With 40 years of auditing and accounting experience, Auditor O'Brien has served on Denver's Audit Committee and on numerous private- and public-sector governing boards. He was recently honored with the 2016 Jonathan Holtzinger Award of Excellence by the Colorado Chartered Financial Analyst Society for demonstrating the highest standards as a financial and investment professional. The Auditor's office is responsible for conducting internal audits of departments and contracts in the City and County of Denver. Under Auditor O'Brien's leadership, the office focuses on audits with robust performance, financial, and fraud detection objectives.

Tim Persons

Dr. Timothy M. Persons was appointed the Chief Scientist of the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO - the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress) in July of 2008. As such, he is a member of the Senior Executive Service of the U.S. federal government. He also serves as a Director for GAO's Center for Science, Technology, and Engineering (CSTE), a group of highly specialized scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and information technologists. In these roles he is an expert advisor and chief consultant to the GAO, Congress, and other federal agencies and government programs on advanced analytics and cutting-edge science and technology (S&T), 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 Technology Assessments and scientific studies for the U.S. Congress on topics ranging from anthrax and high containment laboratories, 3D printing, nanomanufacturing, biodetection systems, homeland security imaging and nuclear detection systems, freshwater conservation technologies, and climate engineering technologies. Prior to joining GAO, Dr. Persons held key leadership roles in the National Security Community.

Dr. Persons is a recipient of a 2016 James Madison University (JMU) Distinguished Alumnus Award, a 2014 recipient of a GAO Distinguished Service Award, a 2012 recipient of the Arthur S. Flemming award in recognition of sustained outstanding and meritorious achievement within the U.S. federal government; and a 2012 recipient of GAO's Big Picture Award for significant project achievement involving the ability to look longer, broader, and more strategically at key national or global issues. In 2007, Dr. Persons was awarded a Director of National Intelligence Science and Technology Fellowship focusing on computational imaging systems research. He was also selected as the JMU Physics Alumnus of 2007. He has also served as a radiation physicist with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received his B.Sc. (Physics) from JMU, a M.Sc. (Nuclear Physics) from Emory University, and a M.Sc. (Computer Science) and Ph.D. (Biomedical Engineering) degrees from Wake Forest University. He is a member of the board of the Senior Executives Association, a senior member of the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), serves as a council member (*ex officio*) of the National Academy of Sciences' (NAS) Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable (GUIRR) as well as the World Future Society Global Advisory Council, and has authored or co-authored an array of journal, conference, and technical articles.

Jamie Ralls

Jamie Ralls has been with the Secretary of State Audits Division for 16 years, currently working as a Principal Auditor. In her work experience at the Audits Division, Jamie has conducted performance, financial, and IT-related audits. Jamie is certified through ACL as a Data Analyst (ACDA) and leads the data mining function used to identify anomalies in data, potential fraud, waste, or misuse of state funds, as well as to identify potential audit topics. Jamie is a Certified Fraud Examiner and member of the Audits Division Investigations Team. She is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. As a Certified Fraud Examiner, Jamie helps manage the Oregon Government Waste Hotline and investigates allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse of state funds. She has assisted Oregon State Police and local District Attorneys in several fraud cases that resulted in convictions. Jamie routinely conducts training in fraud prevention and detection, data mining, and internal controls.

Sara Reynolds

Sara Reynolds has over twelve years in nonprofit management and deep connections to local officials throughout the state of Colorado. Prior to coming to Housing Colorado, Sara worked as the outreach and membership director for the Colorado Municipal League, a nonprofit representing the interests of municipal government throughout the state. Beginning in 2012, Sara began her leadership of Housing Colorado, a membership-based nonprofit representing the affordable housing industry in Colorado. During her tenure at Housing Colorado, she has increased organizational memberships by 48% and includes organizations ranging from small nonprofits to national firms. Sara has held volunteer positions with various organizations including Family Tree, Inc, Mile High Montessori and Family Star Montessori and Early Head Start Center. Sara holds a Master in Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Colorado and is a Certified Association Executive (CAE) with the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE).

Dale L. Rickard

Dale L. Rickard is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) with a Certificate in Data Processing (CDP) and more than 20 years of experience performing application and network systems audits in manufacturing, telecommunications, municipal internal auditing, and systems auditing consulting. Dale has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Computer Science. He also has over 18 years in application systems development, computer systems operations management, and office systems management.

Anne Richards

Anne Richards was appointed as the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General Assistant Inspector General (DHS OIG) for Inspections and Evaluations in January 2015. Under her direction, the Office of Inspection and Evaluations examines all component and programmatic functions of DHS, promoting effectiveness, efficiency, and economy in the Department's programs and operations, including securing our Nation's borders, increasing readiness, building capacity in the face of a terrorist threat or a natural disaster, and enhancing security in our transportation systems and trade operations. She formerly served the DHS OIG as Assistant Inspector General for Audits from 2007 through 2014. Prior to joining the DHS OIG, Ms. Richards served as Assistant Inspector General for Audits at the U.S. Department of the Interior from 2005-2007. Previously, Ms. Richards worked at the U.S. Army Audit Agency. Ms. Richards has received numerous awards for her leadership and contributions to promoting the integrity of our Federal programs to include the prestigious Presidential Rank Award in 2015. She was awarded the Office of Inspector General Team Award in 2005 and 2002, and honored with the Office of Inspector General Distinguished Service Award in 2001. She received the U.S. Army Audit Agency Change Leader Award in 1996 and the Northern Virginia Association of Government Accountants Service Award in 1994. Anne Richards earned an MPA from Troy State University, a BA from Franklin and Marshall College, and is a CPA in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Bill Ritter Jr.

Governor Bill Ritter was elected Colorado's 41st governor in 2006. During his four year term, Ritter established Colorado as a national and international leader in clean energy by building a New Energy Economy. After leaving the Governor's Office, Ritter founded the Center for the New Energy Economy at Colorado State University, which works with state and federal policy makers to create clean energy policy throughout the country. Governor Ritter has authored a book that was recently published entitled, *Powering Forward – What Everyone Should Know About America's Energy Revolution*.

Dawn Wiseman

Ms. Wiseman has over seventeen years of audit experience in both the public and private sectors. Ms. Wiseman has been conducting performance audits for the City and County of Denver for the last eight years. She has supervised audits in a variety of City departments such as General Services, Health and Human Services, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Finance. Ms. Wiseman supervised the Audit of Rocky Mountain Human Services that received an Exemplary Knighton Award for the *Best Performance Audit Report* from the Association of Local Government Auditors in 2016. In addition, Ms. Wiseman conducted Sarbanes-Oxley and operational audits for Walmart Stores, Inc. in both the domestic and international environments. Ms. Wiseman has a Bachelor of Science and Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from Colorado State University. Ms. Wiseman has a Certification in Risk Management Assurance and is an active member of the Association of Local Government Auditors and the Institute of Internal Auditors.