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SPEAKERS

Steven E. Sossei

Steven “Steve” Sossei has over 36 years of experience in the field of governmental auditing and government accountability. Steve worked in New York’s Office of the State Comptroller for nearly 35 years. While at New York’s Office of the State Comptroller, he worked as an auditor of government agencies and not for profits, serving as an audit supervisor and audit manager, ending his New York State service as the Director of State Audits from 2001 until 2010. As Director of State Audits, Steve directed an audit staff of 60 professionals located in Albany and New York City. He was responsible for directing the State Comptroller’s audits of New York’s \$52 billion Medicaid program, the \$5 billion public employee’s health insurance plan, the New York City’s Department of Education and New York’s State University system.

Prior to serving as the Director of State Audits, Steve was the Director of Quality Assurance and Education for his bureau. This unit reviewed the work of nearly 200 auditors for compliance with GAGAS standards. Steve is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed by the State of New York since 1981. In addition to his duties as an auditor at New York’s Office of the State Comptroller, Steve also participated in Quality Control Reviews through the National State Auditors Association (NSAA). Steve worked on 20 such reviews between 1987 and 2010. Steve served as a team member, team leader and concurring reviewer. Steve was also a member of the NSAA’s Peer Review Committee from 1998 to 2000.

Since leaving New York’s Office of the State Comptroller, Steve was the Director of Education for the Association of Government Accountants from November 2010 to October 2011. In his position as Director of Education, Steve was responsible for preparing the technical program for the AGA’s Professional Development Conference. Steve also worked on the development of on-site educational courses and provided technical advice on auditing and accounting issues to the AGA’s other professional staff. Steve is currently the AGA’s Staff Liaison for the Financial Management Standards Board. This Board responds to all professional exposure draft on behalf of the AGA.

Steve has a BS (1975) and a MS (1981) in Accounting from the State University of New York in Albany.

Eric Bishop

Eric Bishop began his career in federal law enforcement as a Border Patrol Agent with the U.S. Border Patrol in December 1997. He was stationed at the Calexico Station, El Centro Sector, California, for four years, where his primary duties were to detect and deter the illegal entry of aliens and drugs into the United States. During the course of his career he apprehended numerous illegal aliens from several different countries and interdicted drugs entering the United States. Agent Bishop was a member of the Calexico Station Bike, ATV and Sensor Units. In addition, Agent Bishop was a Lead Emergency Medical Technician and member of the Calexico Station Emergency Medical Team.

Currently, Agent Bishop is assigned to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Investigations Office, Philadelphia, PA, of the U.S. General Services Administration/Office of Inspector General. He has investigated cases involving bribery, collusion, bid rigging, theft of government property, false statements, false claims, and credit card fraud resulting in numerous convictions of government contractors and government employees. Agent Bishop has received several letters of commendation for his investigative efforts.

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Agent Bishop is also the Regional Seized Computer and Evidence Recovery Specialist. He has over 800 hours of computer forensics training from both government and private sector training institutions. He has successfully investigated several computer crimes to include, child exploitation, fraud, and improper use of government computers.

Agent Bishop is a graduate of the Allentown Police Academy, the U.S. Border Patrol Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Criminal Investigator Training Program and the Inspector General Investigator Training Academy. Agent Bishop graduated with a B.A. in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania – 1995 (Magna Cum Laude) and also holds a Master of Science in Digital Forensics from the University of Central Florida – 2012.

Beryl H. Davis

Beryl “Berri” Davis is a Director of Financial Management and Assurance at the U.S. Government Accountability Office, where her responsibilities include audits related to improper payments, grants management, and most recently, agencies' designs of internal control plans under the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Appropriations Act. Berri previously served as Vice President, Standards and Guidance, for the Institute of Internal Auditors. She also served as Director of Audit Services and Management Support for the City of Orlando. She began her career in public accounting and has worked for private industry. In 2000 Berri was named the American Institute of CPA's *Outstanding CPA in Government*.

Thomas Yatsco

Thomas “Tom” Yatsco is the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Highway and Transit Audits at the U.S. Department of Transportation, where he provides executive leadership to audits and evaluations of the Nation's surface transportation programs. In this position, Thomas is responsible for oversight of the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—programs that comprise nearly three-fourths of the Department's budget. His work has involved a wide range of key transportation issues, such as oversight reform of the Federal-aid highway program, New York City's 9/11 recovery, highway and transit mega-projects, bus and truck safety, grant management, the National Bridge Inspection Program, and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century surface transportation authorization. He also led the Office of Inspector General's response to significant National events in the transportation sector, including passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the tunnel collapse in Boston's “Big Dig” project, bridge failures in Minnesota and Washington State, and Hurricane Sandy relief. Prior to the Department of Transportation, Thomas worked at the Government Accountability Office and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He has a Master's Degree from Kent State University and resides in Washington, D.C.

Frank A. Rokosz

Frank Rokosz is the Assistant Inspector General, Office of Evaluations, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and was appointed to this position in October 1, 2013.

Prior to the new appointment, Mr. Rokosz was the Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Office of Audit. Mr. Rokosz's areas of responsibility include the Financial Audit Division, Information Systems Audit Division, Headquarters Audit Division, and the Technical Oversight and Planning Division. Mr. Rokosz brings over 25 years of HUD OIG audit experience.

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Mr. Rokosz was the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for the Office of Management and Policy. Mr. Rokosz was responsible for overseeing an OIG annual budget of \$125 million. He managed HUD OIG's Office of Management and Policy Divisions to include information technology, budget, training, human resources, employee relations, strategic planning, program integrity, and management resources. In addition, he was responsible for the operations of the OIG hotline and OIG media and congressional relations. In addition, Mr. Rokosz was responsible for developing OIG's internal policies.

In February 1987, Mr. Rokosz began his career with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Inspector General (HUD OIG) in Seattle, Washington. While at the Seattle Office, Mr. Rokosz performed increasingly complex internal and external audits of HUD's programs. In 1998, he accepted a position as a Senior Auditor in the Denver Office of Audit. While in Denver, Mr. Rokosz continued to work on complex audits to including the congressional mandated audit of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance and Restructuring Technical Assistance grants. The mandate required that 100 percent of the grantees be audited. Mr. Rokosz has performed audits of most HUD programs and is considered a subject matter expert in auditing HUD programs. Mr. Rokosz also prepared and presented training courses to OIG and HUD staff, and HUD grantees. In 2004, Mr. Rokosz received a promotion to the Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit in the Denver office.

In June 2006, Mr. Rokosz moved to Washington, DC, accepting a promotion to the Assistant Director of the Office of Audit's Technical Oversight and Planning Division. While in this position, he provided oversight to all HUD OIG audit assignments; reviewed and provided comments on all HUD OIG audit reports; reviewed and provided comments on HUD's proposed regulations and policies; worked closely with HUD OIG's senior staff in preparing congressional testimony; and developing proposed annual audit plan.

Mr. Rokosz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Seattle University, Seattle, Washington. Since receiving his degree, Mr. Rokosz continued his professional development becoming a Certified Public Account, Certified Internal Auditor, and Certified Fraud Examiner. Mr. Rokosz is an active member in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Institute of Internal Auditor, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and Association of Governmental Accountants.

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Stephenie A. Tatman

Stephenie Tatman is a recently promoted Audit Manager for the Delaware Office of Auditor of Accounts. She started her career in State service as a College Intern and has worked on a wide variety of audits and investigations. She is a 2008 graduate of Wilmington University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. She went on to obtain the designation of Certified Fraud Examiner in 2010 and most recently obtained her CPA license in 2012. Stephenie recently led the investigative team that completed a high profile investigation of the Delaware Military Academy. Her work on this investigation concluded with the interview of the Superintendent Wintermantal who was renowned for his intimidation and strong arming. Stephenie's passion of identifying fraud and inefficiencies in State government drove her to take and maintain the lead role in this case. Stephenie also enjoys training audit staff on emerging trends, auditing standards, and quality control procedures.

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Lisa Duke

Lisa Duke, CPA, CFE, MAFF, is an Examiner in Charge at the New York State Comptroller's Office and is a member of the Fraud and Forensic Audit Group. Lisa is a subject matter expert in Fraud and Forensics. Her engagements have included cases involving fraud investigations, conflict of interest, waste and abuse of multiple government agencies, contractors, public authorities, and non-for-profit organizations. Lisa is a certified trainer by NYS Governors Office of Employee Relations (GOER) and Rutgers University. She also does multiple presentations for NYS Office of the State Comptroller on a variety of audit and fraud related topics. She is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) and the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analyst (NACVA). Lisa was recently profiled in the ACFE Fraud Magazine.

James Edert

James Edert is the Regional Inspector General for Audit Services for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Region II, covering New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Within the Office of Inspector General (OIG), he directs a staff of approximately 90 auditors in the conduct of comprehensive audits which include examination of the operations of the Department and its grantees and contractors. These audits include financial audits, performance audits, and fraud audits of Departmental expenditures. These audits cover such diverse programs as Obamacare, Medicare, Medicaid, National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, Child Health Services, Ryan White AIDS programs, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and others. James has served in HHS for almost 37 years.

James has served as an OIG trainer and has developed numerous national and regional in-house training courses. He is co-author of the OIG auditor handbook, *The Audit Process*. James is the chair of the OIG national audit policies and procedures committee.

James's efforts have resulted in numerous governmental awards, including the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Award for Excellence, Federal Executive Board Distinguished Teamwork Award, and the OIG Bronze Medal for Outstanding Employee of the Year.

James received his Bachelor of Science in accounting in 1976 and his Master of Arts in economics in 1987 from Brooklyn College. He is a Certified Government Financial Manager and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He serves on the executive boards of the New York/New Jersey Intergovernmental Audit Forum and the New York Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants.

James is married and has one daughter, a Federal investigator, and one son, attending Hofstra University.

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