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Rich DeVitto, recently joined McGovern & Greene, LLP, after serving twenty years with the federal government. He began his federal career service with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), where he was involved in investigating hazardous substances releases, liability and compensation matters under Superfund. He was appointed a Federal Aviation Administration Special Agent/Program Manager with the newly formed Drug Interdiction Unit, where he was involved in the investigation of pilots and seizure/forfeiture of civil aircraft for violations of drug related offenses and registration violations. Rich then served with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC), where he planned and conducted investigations of possible violations of criminal laws and/or regulations, and other irregularities in the administration of USNRC programs and activities. Investigations generally involved allegations of wrongdoing by whistleblowers, involving misconduct by licensees, their employees, contractors and vendors and were pursued under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and/or related federal statutes. Regulated industries included: Nuclear power plants (major utilities), medical (physicians, hospitals and labs), universities, and other industries involved in the civilian application of nuclear materials.

For the past 11 years of his career, Rich was assigned to the USEPA Office of Inspector General (OIG), where he has served as a senior special agent, team leader and assistant to the Special Agent in Charge. Rich was responsible for directing investigations of fraud and abuse in USEPA programs, often with multi-disciplinary teams composed of auditors, chemists and engineers, involving substantial amounts of federal dollars. These investigations often involved grants, assistance agreements, contract and procurement activities, conflicts of interest, prohibited lobbying activities, employee misconduct and the corruption of public officials.

Rich began his law enforcement career as a police detective with a major metropolitan police department and served in several investigative assignments, including the Financial Crimes Unit and the U.S. Department of Justice/Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). While on intergovernmental assignment to OCDETF, Rich had collateral deputation as a DEA Officer, leading a team of IRS-CI and U.S. Customs legacy agents in perfecting several criminal cases and civil seizures/forfeitures of cash, real and personal property of several Chicago drug cartels.

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Rich also served in private industry, where he managed the investigative operations of a leading Chicago financial institution. He also served as a Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer. He has extensive experience in the investigation of defalcations, bank fraud, forgery of financial instruments and related offenses.

Rich has been an instructor at a community college and a regional police academy, and has been a guest lecturer for the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Illinois CPA Society, Association of Inspectors General and for a number of universities and organizations. While with the USEPA he was responsible for developing OIG fraud awareness briefings within a 6 state geographic area and 35 Native American tribes.

#### **Professional Designations and Certifications**

CFE; Certified Fraud Examiner

CLEO; Certified Law Enforcement Officer, Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board

CLEI; Certified Law Enforcement Instructor (Fraud Investigation), Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board

#### **Professional Memberships and Affiliations**

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), former Greater Chicago Chapter President and V.P. Emeritus

Association of Inspector Generals

Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

Federal Criminal Investigators Association

Fraternal Order of Police

Illinois Police Association

#### **Education**

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology/Public Administration, Roosevelt University

Master of Science, Criminal Justice, Lewis University

#### **Personal**

Mr. DeVitto enjoys reading and boating.

**Denise M. Fantone**  
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After working for local government and a public utility in California, Ms. Fantone began her federal government career at the U.S. Department of Justice in the charter class of the Presidential Management Intern (now Fellows) Program. After completing her internship, she joined the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Budget Review Division where she monitored appropriations legislation, led the budget execution and apportionment team, and supervised teams in the annual preparation of the President's Budget. Prior to coming to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), she was progressively Budget Director, Deputy Director for Planning and Budget, and Assistant Inspector General for Oversight at the Peace Corps. At GAO, Ms. Fantone created and heads a working group that provides agency-wide guidance and training on reviews of the President's annual budget requests. She led two reviews on OMB's Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART), numerous studies of performance and budget integration efforts in federal agencies and state governments, and, most recently, planning and budgeting for foreign aid reform.

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Mr. Beard is the Director of Technical Oversight and Planning Division of the HUD Office of Inspector General in Washington, DC. He is the former Regional Inspector General Audit, Fort Worth, Texas where he was responsible for all audits in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arkansas. Mr. Beard has been a federal auditor since 1979 serving in positions with the EPA and HUD Inspectors General and the U.S. Air Force Audit Agency in Virginia, Germany, England, South Carolina, Colorado, Georgia, and Texas. Prior to government service, Mr. Beard was an audit supervisor with Coopers & Lybrand. He was also a member of the adjunct faculty at Christopher Newport College and the University of Maryland teaching accounting and business courses. He has also been an instructor at FLETC in the white collar crime course. Mr. Beard has authored over 100 significant audits that identified over \$200 million in questioned costs. His audits have been featured in numerous nationwide newspapers, periodicals, and at least one book. Several auditees have been jailed or pursued in civil court where Mr. Beard has been a witness for the United States. In addition, he has been the primary government witness at five Congressional hearings that also resulted from his audits. At the request of a member of Congress, Mr. Beard made a 10-minute film of the conditions at a housing authority. The film was shown at Congress and was featured on the *McNeil-Leherer Report* and *A&E's Investigative Reports*. His work in public housing was the primary impetus for Congress specifically increasing the HUD OIG budget to run the Housing Fraud Initiative. Mr. Beard authored several OIG polices, including core competency appraisal system, no-cost transfers, equity skimming audits, audit report formats, GS-13 Journey level, and creation of Administrative Officer position. Mr. Beard has been honored with several awards including: President's Council for Integrity and Efficiency Award for Excellence, HUD Inspector General's Special Recognition Award and Audit Manager of the Year, EPA Inspector General's Most Improved Division Award, and a Unit Citation from the Secretary of the Air Force. He is also a US Army veteran.

**Education**

Bachelors in Accounting, Christopher Newport College of the College of William & Mary

Masters of Science in Business Administration, Metropolitan College of Boston University

Federal Executive Institute, Leadership for Democratic Society, Class of 1998

**Professional Certifications**

Certified Public Accountant (licensed in Virginia), Certified Fraud Examiner, and Forensic Auditor

**Professional Affiliations**

Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

## D. Michael Beard (Continued)

### **Audits Resulting in Congressional Hearings**

Housing Authority of New Orleans, Public Housing Operations, 94-FW-201-1005, Field Hearing before the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, House of Representatives, July 8, 1996.

Single Family Homeless Initiative, 96-FW-151-0001, Field Hearing on HUD Single Family Property Disposition Homeless Initiative Program, before the Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, House of Representatives, August 23, 1996

Community Builders, 99-FW-177-0002, Hearing before the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources of the Committee on Government Reform, House of Representatives, November 3, 1999.

Community Builders, 99-FW-177-0002, Hearing before the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Senate, February 24, 2000.

Housing Authority of New Orleans, 2001-FW-0001, Hearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Financial Services, House of Representatives, June 4, 2001.

### **Experience prior to HUD**

**EPA Inspector General:** 1987 to 1989: Audit Manager, Atlanta, Georgia. Responsible for internal EPA audits in the Southeast Region. Notable audits included Region's misuse of superfund and poor enforcement of asbestos regulations. Both audits were featured in the OIG's semiannual report to Congress. Division won most improved Division partially as a result of those audits.

**US Air Force Audit Agency:** 1982 to 1987: Office Chief at Shaw AFB, South Carolina (1987), RAF Bentwaters, United Kingdom (1985-1987), and Ramstein Air Base, Germany (1982-1985). Responsible for audits of United States Air Forces Europe and the 9th Air Force at bases in the States, Europe, and the Middle East. Chosen by Auditor General to head special request audits of the Undersecretary of the Air Force. 1979 to 1982: Audit Manager, Langley AFB, Virginia. Responsible for worldwide audits of the Air Force's Tactical Air Command. Significant audits included TAC Deployments (SECRET) and F-111 Aircraft Gun, both of which resulted in significant monetary savings and were featured in the Inspector General's report to Congress.

**Coopers & Lybrand, CPAs:** 1974 to 1979: Staff Auditor, Senior Auditor, and Supervisory Auditor with this "Big Eight" firm. Clients included manufacturers, wholesalers, construction contractors, newspapers, banks, meat packers, cities, pensions, and non-profits. Non-profits included the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the largest private operating foundations in the United States.

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Patrick Cogley is the Regional Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Audit Services (OAS) in Kansas City, Missouri. In this position, he supervises a staff of more than 70 auditors including auditors at the National External Audit Resource Center (NEAR). NEAR processes more than 2,500 Single Audits per year. Mr. Cogley joined the HHS OIG in 1997 in Dallas, Texas. Prior to working with HHS, Mr. Cogley was an auditor with the United States General Accounting Office (GAO). He began his federal auditing career in 1987.

Mr. Cogley received his MBA from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1993. He received his BS in Accounting from Indiana University in 1986. Mr. Cogley is a Certified Public Accountant in Illinois. He received the Bronze Medal for OAS' Outstanding Employee of the Year in 2001. He was also a recipient of the OIG's Cooperative Achievement Award in 2007 for his work on the Tenet Healthcare fraud case which resulted in a \$900 million settlement. In addition, Mr. Cogley has been recognized numerous times for exceptional achievement awards at HHS and GAO.

**Barbara J. Hinton**  
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Ms. Hinton is the Legislative Auditor in Kansas. For more than 35 years, her office has specialized in conducting performance audits of State agencies and programs. Ms. Hinton has been very active in the audit community. She served three years on the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Government Auditing Standards Advisory Council, has been President of the National State Auditors Association, is in-line to become the President of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers, has Chaired the National State Auditors Association's (NSAA) Performance Audit Committee, and is Chair of the Mid-America Intergovernmental Audit Forum. Ms. Hinton also has made numerous presentations to national, regional, and local audit and accounting groups, both professional and academic, and has conducted numerous training workshops on performance auditing across the country.

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Platte County Auditor Siobhann Kathleen Williams, CPA, was elected to her first term of office in November 2006. A career accounting professional, she brings more than 20 years of experience including corporate accounting, public accounting, and governmental accounting to her role as auditor.

Auditor Williams is active in a number of professional organizations and is the Vice-President of the Missouri Association of County Auditors moving into the role of President in 2010. Auditor Williams is a member of the Park University School of Business Advisory Board and has been an active leader in the Platte County volunteer community, serving on the boards of the Parkville Community Development Corporation, Parkville Main Street Association, and the Parkville Chamber of Commerce.

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The Vice President of the Verbal Judo Institute and an international trainer with a professional background that includes over twenty years of speaking and training experience, Lee is a highly animated, humorous, thought provoking, and entertaining presenter. He has instructed audiences on Verbal Judo in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Scandinavia, the Netherlands, and in England.

Lee has been interviewed regarding Verbal Judo as the subject of magazine articles ranging in interest from Conde Nast Traveler and Broker Magazine to sports publications like Referee Magazine, and in newsprint articles from the USA Today and the Wall Street Journal to small town newspapers. He has been seen and heard internationally on CNN, nationally on NBC, ABC, and Fox, in Canada on the CBC, and on local television and radio across North America and in Europe.

Lee has a professional background that includes over five years as an Operations Shift Supervisor for a \$130 million computer research and development facility working with classified materials, and an additional six years of work for the Federal Government protecting nuclear weapons systems and assets. He has also been a reserve police officer in New Mexico, has trained close quarter combat to the US military, and self-defense and defensive tactics to police, corrections, probation and parole, and military law enforcement officers, and close quarter combat to military forces in Europe. His continued instruction to federal and local government agencies in self-defense and protections filled a gap in defensive tactics programs as well as Lee creating civilian programs for corporations, women's groups, and the airlines.

Lee has instructed martial arts classes and self defense seminars for over twenty-five years and retains 2nd degree black belt ratings in Shotokan (Japanese) and Tae Kwon Do (Korean) karate. He has also trained in Hapkido, Combat Judo, Arnis, and Aikido. His educational background includes degrees in English, Business, and Organizational Communication with additional work in Psychology and Behavioral Science. Lee, Dr. Thompson, and Mr. Andy Sanano, a noted master martial artist from Rapid City, South Dakota, Lee created and developed an instructional video on self-defense for adults and children called "The Total Defense System," combining protective personal defense techniques with the tactics and strategies of Verbal Judo which sold internationally.

In contrast to his physical training background Lee now spends over 250 days per year traveling and teaching audiences to communicate effectively using the techniques and strategies of Verbal Judo. His client list ranges from corporate and customer service industries, city and county government employees, to airlines, banking and real estate operations. His audiences now number several hundred thousand people attending his Verbal Judo lectures world-wide.