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Dr. Dan Kneer believes in “auditing smarter: not harder™”. He has been blessed to work with several open-minded, forward-looking auditors over the last 25+ years. From his national award-winning PhD thesis, on audit risk, to his recognition for a “Lifetime Contribution in the Innovative Usage of Technology in Auditing”, Dan has exhibited a live-long commitment regarding audit efficiency and effectiveness.

He has taught these concepts and provided advice to 1) federal Agencies (OIGs) and state agencies 2) 17 State Auditor Offices, 3) Internal Audit shops and 4) all of the Big- 4. His hands-on training and revolutionary audit strategies increase audit efficiency by over 33% while reducing cycle and travel time. A Fortune 500 Company now saves \$300,000,000 **per year**, via his techniques, while a US Federal Agency reported annual savings of \$950,000,000 **per year!**

Doc pioneered Continuous Control Monitoring (CCM) at the Application and Process level, and developed the Advanced Analytical Engine, the building block (the “secret sauce”) **of CCM**. A Fortune Top 10 CEO says that Dr. Dan “built the Holy Grail”.

Dan has been requested to participate/comment on many auditing standards (AICPA, IIA, COSO, CobiT, SOX, and the Yellow Book). A noted standards setter said “Dan will obsolete many current standards”.

Doc has appeared on TV and radio, and quoted/cited in newspapers, books, magazines and journals. Dan has delivered talks at such famous venues as 1) Caesars Palace, 2) the Washington D.C. National Press Club, 3) the Downtown New York Athletic Club (home of the Heisman trophy), 4) the grand ballroom at the Waldorf=Astoria Hotel, 5) Madison Square Garden, 6) the Palace de Concorde (Paris), 7) the Paris Hilton (no lie) 8) the Amsterdam Hilton, 9) the Sydney Opera House and 10) Ngorongoro Crater.

The Dean of the Vanderbilt Law School says Dan’s audit research “is some of the most significant research in the US: it’s the type of practical research that we need more of”.

Dr. Dan has been voted “Americas # 1 trainer of auditors” and the # 1 speaker at multiple International Audit Conferences.

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Claire McCaskill is a 4th-generation Missourian who has spent her entire life in the Show-Me State. Born in Rolla and raised in Lebanon and Columbia, Claire has never forgotten her roots. Claire's first home was Houston, Missouri, where her father William worked at the McCaskill feed mill. Later, the family moved to Lebanon, hometown of Claire's mother, Betty Anne, where her mother's family ran the corner drugstore in town. After another move, Claire attended Hickman High School in Columbia, while her father served as a state insurance commissioner and her mother became Columbia's first woman city council member. At Hickman High School, Claire graduated near the top of her class and was deeply involved in student activities, while also working in a fabric store since she sewed many of her own clothes.

The day after graduation, Claire left town for a job bussing tables at Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks. Waitressing for six years helped Claire work her way through college and law school at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Claire clerked for the Missouri Court of Appeals in Kansas City and then got a job as an assistant prosecutor in Kansas City, where she was a felony trial prosecutor handling sex crimes, homicides, and specializing in arson cases. In 1982, McCaskill won a seat in the State Legislature. She juggled the responsibilities of both mother and legislator and was the first woman to ever give birth while she was an active member of the Missouri Legislature.

Claire broke new ground again in 1993 when she became the first female Jackson County Prosecutor, which included Kansas City. This was the largest prosecutor's office in the state and she began many new programs, including a domestic violence unit and one of the nation's first Drug Courts. She held this position until she was sworn in as Missouri Auditor in 1999.

As State Auditor, Claire has been credited for revolutionizing the office and making it into a true watchdog for taxpayers and citizens. In 2004, Claire took on her own party establishment and became the first person to ever defeat a sitting Missouri governor in a primary election.

In November of 2006, Claire became the first woman elected to the United States Senate from Missouri, vowing to bring Harry Truman's no-nonsense style of accountability back to Washington. It only seemed fitting that her place in the Senate chamber is desk shared by none other than Senator Truman himself.

Claire McCaskill (Continued)

Claire sits on five Senate Committees, including Armed Services, Commerce, Homeland Security and Government Affairs, Aging, and Indian Affairs. Additionally, Claire was named as one of the select Senators to sit on the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, formerly known as the Truman Committee.

After a busy week in Washington, Claire returns home to St. Louis to a full house. After seven years as a single mom, Claire married Joseph Shepard, a St. Louis businessman, in April 2002. Together they have seven children: Benjamin, 31, Carl, 29, Marilyn, 27, Michael, 24, Austin, 19, Maddie, 17 and Lily, 15. Claire's 78 year old mother Betty Anne lives with the family and continues to join her on trips around Missouri.

Claire is a member of St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church in St. Louis.

The Honorable Mark Funkhouser

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Mark grew up in the hills of West Virginia. His father worked in a chemical factory and his mother was a nurse. He is the oldest of five siblings. While teaching at Salem College, Mark met his beautiful wife, Gloria Squitiro. They have been married over 25 years and together they have birthed the light of their lives: Tara and Andrew.

Mark and his family live in Brookside in a turn-of-the-century house. Their children received most of their schooling in the Kansas City, Mo., public schools. Tara attends the University of Pittsburgh and is a French, Italian and Pre-Holistic-Medicine major. Andrew is a senior at Lincoln College Preparatory Academy.

Mark has a B.A. degree in Political Science from Thiel College, a Master's in Social Work from West Virginia University, a Master's in Business Administration from Tennessee State University and an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in public administration and sociology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He is a Certified Internal Auditor.

He was editor of the Local Government Auditing Quarterly from 1990 to 1998 and is currently a regular columnist for that publication. Mark is a frequent speaker on topics related to government performance and accountability. In 2003, Mark was named as one of the Public Officials of the Year by Governing magazine.

Mark began his career as a social worker. He was able to increase the number of people that he could serve by becoming an auditor, first in Tennessee State Government and then in city government. Mark was the City Auditor of the City of Kansas City, Mo., from May 1988 until he took an early retirement in November 2006. While City Auditor, he also was an adjunct professor at Park University, the University of Missouri-Kansas City and the University of Kansas. He continues to teach graduate students in public administration, working to help them become more competent public managers and more effective government and non-profit leaders.

Recently, Mark designed a research project to study government auditing practices around the world. He was able to secure funding for the project through the Institute of Internal Auditors. The legwork for this research was completed this fall and he is currently in the process of writing his findings in a book to be published in 2007. He intends to continue doing research and teaching.

As mayor, Mark will continue his social worker tradition by working to provide for the basic needs of his new bosses – the 450,000 residents of Kansas City.

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