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The Ethics Review Board of the City of New Orleans has selected **Robert A. Cerasoli**, the nationally recognized father of the Association of Inspectors General (AIG) as New Orleans' first Inspector General.

As New Orleans' first Inspector General, Cerasoli, 59, will be shaping the position from the ground up. His duties will include investigating fraud, waste, and corruption in city government and among those receiving money from the city; proposing ways to make the government more efficient, and educating city officials about their ethical responsibilities.

Cerasoli possesses a decade of teaching experience in ethics, auditing, oversight, financial management, and anti-corruption practices. He served as the Inspector General for the State of Massachusetts for two five-year terms, the maximum allowed by law, from 1991 to 2001. The Massachusetts Inspector General was the first statewide Inspector General position created in the U.S. and the first Inspector General position created outside of the federal system.

As one of the original founders and charter members of the AIG, Cerasoli literally wrote the book—he proposed, developed, and co-authored the Certified Inspector General concept and the creation of the **Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspectors General**, called the **Green Book**. This book was used as a basis in the creation of the Inspector General office in New Orleans.

Cerasoli, a native of Quincy, Massachusetts, received his Bachelor of Arts in government and public administration in 1969 from The American University. In 1988, Cerasoli received a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University. Currently, Cerasoli taught Ethics and Business Ethics at Quincy College, Foundations of Financial Management and Advanced Managerial Finance at Eastern Nazarene College and Global Economics at Newbury College. He is a Certified Inspector General (CIG), Certified Inspector General Investigator (CIGI), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Over the last six years, Cerasoli has been engaged by the U.S. Department of State to travel to countries in the developing world, particularly Africa, to introduce and encourage the Inspector General concept as a viable method to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government.

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His interest in ethics began soon after he was elected in 1975 to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, in which he served until his selection as Inspector General by a unanimous vote of the Governor, Attorney General, and State Auditor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a Committee member of the House Committee on Election Laws, Cerasoli helped to write and strengthen requirements for disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures, marking the beginning of a career-long interest in promoting ethical public service. In 1977 he co-authored and co-sponsored the Massachusetts ethics law, one of the strongest statewide ethics laws ever enacted in the United States. This law created the first state ethics commission, financial disclosure for elected and appointed public officials, and a stronger conflict of interest law.

Cerasoli is the chairman of the Ethics Committee for the Association of Inspectors General and a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Association of Government Accountants, the Massachusetts Gun Control Advisory Board, the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, the Latino Alumni Association of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the National Council of La Raza, the Southern Poverty Law Center and the American Philatelic Society.

His contribution to responsible ethical conduct has also won him many accolades. In 1999, Cerasoli received the Professional Exemplary Practices Award from the American Society for Public Administration. This award is given to individuals and organizations making outstanding contributions to responsible ethical conduct. In June of 2001, he received the Fraud Fighter of the Year Award from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Greater Boston Chapter. Also in May of 2000, John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York inducted Cerasoli into Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society for Public Administration, as an honorary member.

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Calvin has 29 years of management consulting and audit experience spanning the government, not-for-profit and higher education industries. Prior to founding Webb Watch Corporation in 2003, Calvin worked in the Public Services group at Hitachi Consulting. From 1998 – 2002, he served as lead partner with Arthur Andersen LLP in the Public Sector Industry Business Consulting program for the Western Region. Calvin also served in the audit practice of Arthur Andersen for 17 years. Calvin received his B.B.A. in Accounting from Texas Tech University.

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Daryl Purpera is the First Assistant to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. He has 24 years of audit experience including financial audits, investigative audits, conducting forensic interviews, and testifying before courts and legislative committees.

Mr. Purpera is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Louisiana Society of CPA's and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

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Mr. Goldsmith is a manager in the performance audit division of the Louisiana Office of the Legislative Auditor. Mr. Goldsmith has over 15 years of performance audit experience, all of which have been with the Louisiana Office of the Legislative Auditor.

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Mr. Goldsmith attended Louisiana State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and a Master of Public Administration degree with an emphasis in internal auditing. He is a past chairman of the performance audit committee of the Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum and currently serves as a member of the committee. Mr. Goldsmith also served on the Performance Measurement Advisory Committee for the Sloan/IIA State and Local Government Performance Measurement Project.

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Stacey E. Pickering was elected as the forty-first State Auditor of Mississippi on November 6, 2007. Prior to serving as State Auditor, Stacey was elected to the Mississippi State Senate in 2003 to represent District 42 in Jones County, Mississippi. As Senator, Stacey served as Chairman of the Local and Private Committee and Chairman of Enrolled Bills Committee.

Stacey is a seventh-generation Mississippian. He was raised on the family dairy farm in the Hebron community of Jones County. A National 4-H scholarship winner, Stacey graduated from West Jones High School and went on to Jones County Junior College. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and a Master's Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1993.

In 2004, Stacey was named Legislator of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Realtors. The American Legislative Exchange Council named Stacey to the national policy task forces on Transportation and Homeland Security. Stacey helped organize the Mississippi Legislative Sportsman's Caucus, serving as founding Co-Chairman of this group that in its first year passed more pro-hunting legislation than any other caucus in the nation.

Stacey and his wife, Whitney, live in Laurel, Mississippi, with their four children.

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Mr. Skinner was confirmed as the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General on July 28, 2005. Between December 9, 2004 – July 27, 2005, he served as Acting Inspector General. He held the position of Deputy Inspector General Department of Homeland Security (DHS) since March 1, 2003, the date that the Office of Inspector General was established.

Prior to his arrival at DHS, Mr. Skinner was with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where he served as the Acting Inspector General (October 2002 – February 2003) and Deputy Inspector General (1996 – 2002). From 1991 to 1996, Mr. Skinner served at FEMA OIG as the Assistant Inspector General for Audits. In 1998, he received the President Meritorious Executive Rank Award for sustained superior accomplishment in management of programs of the United States Government and for noteworthy achievement of quality and efficiency in the public service.

From 1988 to 1991, Mr. Skinner worked at the U.S. Department of State (DOS) OIG. During his tenure at DOS OIG, Mr. Skinner served as a senior inspector on more than a dozen foreign and domestic inspections and in 1991, Mr. Skinner was appointed by the Inspector General to serve as the “de facto” Inspector General for the Arms Controls and Disarmament Agency (ACDA).

From 1972 to 1988, Mr. Skinner held a variety of audit management positions with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC). He began his Federal career in 1969 with the OIG of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Skinner holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Fairmont State College and an MPA degree from George Washington University.

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Mr. Golden currently is vice-chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Public Contract Law Government and Corporate Counsel Committee and previously served on the ABA Section of Public Contract Law Panel on International Procurement in the Technology Age. He has served on the editorial board of *The Procurement Law Advisor*. The Comptroller General has twice awarded Mr. Golden a Meritorious Service Award. He received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University and his law degree from Hofstra University Law School where he was an Associate Editor of the *Hofstra Law Review*.

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Jim has a Master of Arts degree in Economics (from UTA), a Master of Science degree in Operations Research (from SMU), and a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics (from UTA). Jim has been married to his high school sweetheart and has two sons. In his “spare” time, Jim enjoys “starring” in local theater productions as well as exercising, reading, computer games and creating stained glass projects.

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Beryl H. Davis, also known as Berri, is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Financial Manager. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Florida and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University.

Berri was recognized as the *2000 Outstanding CPA in Government* by the American Institute of CPAs. She also received the Florida Institute of CPAs *Special Presidential Award* in 2003.

Berri is the Director, Office of Audit Services and Management Support, for the City of Orlando. She has worked for City government since 1985. Her previous work experience includes private industry and public accounting.

Berri is a member of the U. S. Comptroller General's Domestic Working Group and she chairs the Communications and Outreach Committee of the Intergovernmental Audit Forum. She was appointed to a four-year term on the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards in 2007.

In 1990 Berri was appointed by the Governor of Florida to a four year term on the Board of Accountancy. She served as the Board's Chairman in 1992. She is a Past President of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association and a Past Chairman of the Government Performance and Accountability Committee for the American Institute of CPAs. She has served on the AICPA Professional Ethics Executive Committee and its Strategic Planning Committee. She currently serves on the Institute's Governing Council.

Berri is active in the Florida Institute of CPAs, where she has served on numerous committees and its governing board. She was the first government CPA to lead the Institute as President.

In 1994 Berri was recognized by Accounting Today as one of the nation's *100 Most Influential People in Accounting*.

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Ms. Ward has served on the International Government Relations Committee of the Institute of Internal Auditors and is on the board of the Atlanta IIA Chapter. She also serves on the executive committee of the Southeastern Intergovernmental Audit Forum and the US Comptroller General's domestic working group. She is a past president of the Association of Local Government Auditors and served on the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards from 1999 through 2001.

Ms. Ward was Deputy City Auditor for Kansas City, Missouri from 1991 to 2001, and previously worked for the Tennessee Division of State Audit and the Vanderbilt Institute of Public Policy Studies. She earned undergraduate and master's degrees in political science, as well as an MBA. She is a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Government Audit Professional (CGAP). She received the 2004 CGAP Highest Achievement Award from the IIA.

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- US Government Accountability Office
- US Department of Homeland Security, OIG
- US Department of Veterans Affairs
- State of Texas Audit Office
- City of San Francisco
- City of Los Angeles
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She enthusiastically looks forward to working with you today.