



# The OIG Quarterly

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## MESSAGE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Welcome to the fourth issue of *The OIG Quarterly*! In past issues, I've written briefly about fraud, so I'd like to take this opportunity to narrow in on a specific type of fraud: **not reporting outside employment**.

Governmental agencies as well as public and private entities often have policies that require full-time employees to report outside employment. The purpose of such policies is to ensure your other employment does not impact your contractual work obligations and to ensure there are no conflicts of interest.

Within the past few years, the OIG has investigated several cases of unreported outside employment. In an effort to protect the agency and its programs and you as hardworking employees, be sure to review AOC Order 38-1 Government Ethics. As always, the OIG is here to support you if you have any questions or concerns.

If you think you've come across or know of instances of fraud in AOC programs and operations, speak up! The confidential AOC OIG Hotline is available 24/7.

— Christopher Failla, CIG, CFE  
AOC Inspector General

## NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



We would like to extend a warm welcome to **Lone Quinn**, who joined the OIG team in April! Lone is part of the Follow-Up Division as a Follow-Up Evaluator. Lone's previous experience includes working as an auditor for publicly traded companies and as a

technical accountant at Hilton. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and political science and recently graduated with a master's in applied economics from George Washington University. Lone is also a certified public accountant. Apart from her professional work, she spends her free time catching up with friends, learning new hobbies and skills and living her best life. Her latest pastime is crocheting.

## QUARTERLY OIG SNAPSHOT

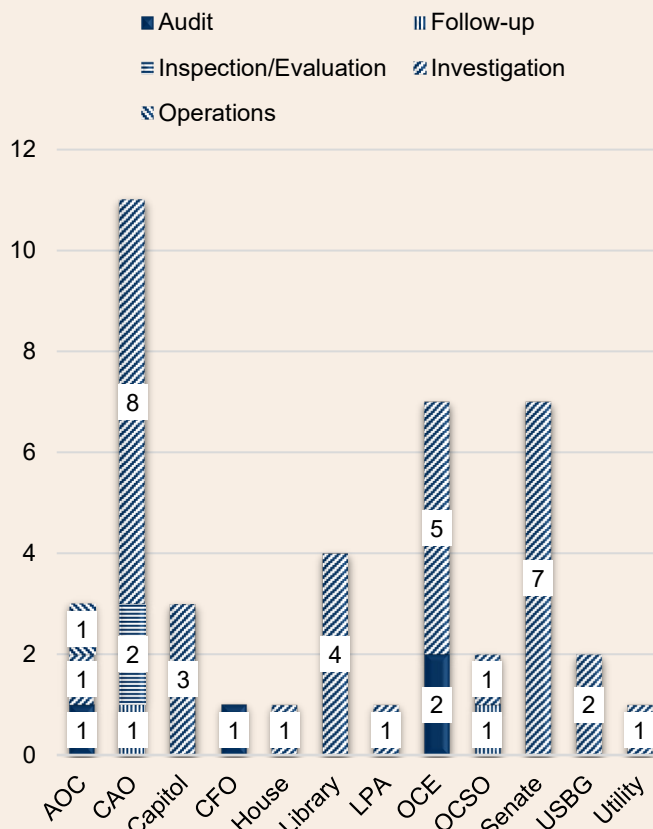
### Check out our most recent reports:

- [Allegations of Violations of Outside Employment and Suspected Favoritism During a Hiring Process \(2023-0011-INVI-P\)](#)
- [AOC Locality Pay for Remote Work Employees \(2023-0047-INVC-P\)](#)
- [Allegations of Forgery and Security Violations Related to the Security of Personally Identifiable Information \(PII\) \(2024-0006-INVI-P\)](#)
- [Attempted Identity Theft \(2024-0011-INVI-P\)](#)
- [Research of the Architect of the Capitol's \(AOC's\) Management of Deferred Maintenance and Capital Renewals \(OIG-AUD-2024-04\)](#)



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### Active OIG Engagements by Jurisdiction





## CIGIE ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) recently released their 2023 Annual Report to the President and Congress, which provides a collective review of all OIG work conducted in fiscal year (FY) 2023.

Here are some key takeaways:

- More than 14,000 employees at 74 OIGs conducted audits, inspections, evaluations and investigations, resulting in significant improvements to the economy and efficiency of government programs.
- There were potential savings totaling approximately \$93.1 billion.
- The OIG community's aggregate FY 2023 budget was approximately \$3.5 billion, which means these potential savings represent an approximate \$26 return on every dollar invested in OIGs.
- There were 743,275 hotline complaints processed.

Check out the report in full for more facts!



## AOC OIG CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE HOTLINE

The AOC OIG confidential hotline is available to AOC employees, contractors and their employees, and members of the public who wish to report allegations of fraud, waste, abuse or mismanagement within AOC programs and operations. Complaints may involve issues that occur at the AOC, on Capitol grounds or those regarding AOC offsite employees. If requested, the OIG will protect the identity of those who



## OIG ADVISORY: T&A FRAUD, PART 1

Starting this issue, we're introducing a series of advisories on investigative trends the OIG is seeing, beginning with time and attendance (T&A) fraud.

T&A fraud involves lying about one's time. Falsifying timesheets is a form of submitting false documents to the government, which is a crime. Since 2018, almost a third of all AOC OIG fraud investigative matters opened were related to T&A fraud.

T&A fraud includes the following:

- Outside employment during work hours
- Medical appointments during work hours without sick leave
- Excessive overtime
- Use of someone else's badge to clock them in or out
- Fraudulent use of sick leave (e.g., using a falsified or nonexistent doctor's note, using sick leave for a vacation or to conduct outside employment)
- Fraudulent use of Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave (e.g., using falsified documents in an FMLA application, using FMLA leave for a vacation)
- Knowingly certifying false timesheets

file complaints unless disclosure is unavoidable. The OIG acknowledges receipt of all incoming complaints, unless they are submitted anonymously. The OIG will review all incoming allegations and take appropriate action. We may decide to initiate an audit, evaluation or investigation or make a referral to the AOC or an outside entity.



## REPORT FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE



**Confidential Toll-Free Hotline:** 877.489.8583



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## WHAT IS THE OIG?

Most federal agencies have an independent OIG charged with conducting independent audits, investigations, and inspections and evaluations as well as preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse. Through audits and evaluations that recommend improvements in operations and investigation of those who abuse the public trust or defraud government programs, the AOC OIG works to ensure the integrity of AOC programs and operations.