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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL



Welcome to issue 8 of *The OIG Quarterly*—and to summer in the nation's capital!

This newsletter, we're happy to highlight the important work we have done protecting the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) employees, operations and programs from fraud, waste

and abuse. Some of our recent investigations have identified thousands of dollars in stolen taxpayer funds, and our audits and evaluations continue to recommend program and policy changes to support AOC effectiveness and efficiency.

We at the AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG) would like to thank the amazing team at the AOC and our congressional committees for their continued support and assistance in closing out open recommendations.

I would also like to highlight four new team members to the OIG family. We proudly welcome Gerald to our Investigations Division and Taimiko, Oliver and Andrea to our Operations Division. I know they are already hitting the ground running with critical and creative thinking to enhance our mission.

Finally, as we know, scammers don't take breaks, and neither should you. Recently, the National Finance Center, the AOC's external payroll processing agency, noted phishing scams targeting civilian federal employees' pay via fake employee personnel pages online. Please check your leave and earnings statement every pay period and contact the OIG if you feel you are a victim of fraud or identify theft.

As always, if you witness fraud, waste or abuse in AOC programs or operations, don't accept it—do something about it! Contact the AOC OIG hotline at <https://aocoig.oversight.gov/contact-us>.

Thank you,

Dr. Michael J. Rich, CIG, PMP, CFE, SHRM-SCP
Deputy Inspector General Performing the Duties of the Inspector General



NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT!

Please join us in welcoming **Gerald Koval**, a criminal investigator in OIG's Investigations Division. Gerald comes to the AOC from the Department of Defense OIG's Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), where he worked on contract and procurement fraud investigations. Prior to DCIS, Gerald served on active duty as a hotline investigator with the U.S. Marine Corps' OIG. After, he started his law enforcement career as a police officer with the Supreme Court of the United States Police Department in 2019. He is a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Criminal Investigator and Uniformed Police Training Programs. Gerald holds a degree in history.

Please join us in welcoming **Taimiko Hayes**, a management and program analyst within the Operations Division. Taimiko previously served at the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) OIG as an evaluation support analyst and later became an inspector and program analyst in DOJ's Evaluation and Inspections Division. In her role, she evaluated various programs and initiatives across DOJ law enforcement components. Taimiko's experience includes report development, data analysis and quality assurance. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in cyber operations.

Please join us in welcoming **Oliver Acosta**, a management and program analyst within the Operations Division. Oliver previously worked at the District Department of Transportation, serving as a management and program analyst reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer. He brings extensive experience in budget formulation and execution, program management, strategic planning and procurement to the agency. Oliver has a bachelor's degree in finance. In his free time, he enjoys exploring our beautiful capitol area, always hunting for the next best meal.

Finally, the AOC OIG would like to congratulate **Andrea Claggett** on her new role as an administrative specialist within the Operations Division. Andrea joined the AOC in 2008 as a visitor's assistant in the Capitol Visitor's Center. During her tenure, she has completed details in the Human Capital Management and Acquisition and Material Management Divisions. Andrea has an eclectic background, with previous roles in live theatre production, events management and mediation and dispute resolution.

Welcome to the AOC OIG team!



OIG ADVISORY: OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT REMINDERS

In recent years, for every 12 OIG investigations, 1 has included unreported outside employment.

Per AOC policy, AOC employees are required to obtain permission ahead of time from their agency designee using the [Notice of Outside Employment or Self-Employment online form](#).

The policy applies to any outside employment if you earn more than \$400 per year from work, such as the following:

- Self-employment (working for your own business)
- Taxi services (e.g., Uber)
- Delivery services (e.g., DoorDash, Instacart)
- Online item sales (e.g., Etsy, Poshmark, Facebook Marketplace)
- Property rentals (e.g., long-term leases, Airbnb)
- Teaching or tutoring
- Childcare
- Remote jobs
- Gig/freelance work

You should report outside employment when you begin employment at the AOC or if you are thinking about starting new outside employment while already employed at the AOC.

While failing to report outside employment is a policy violation on its own, getting approval also helps prevent violating other AOC policies (e.g., conflicts of interest) or breaking the law (e.g., having a second job with another federal, state or government agency). When combined with other violations, failing to report outside employment can lead to suspension (refer to [2022-0007-INVI-P](#)).

...Coming soon!

DEMYSTIFYING THE OIG

The OIG will publish a series of informational videos on AOC Learn later this year as a support tool in understanding the OIG process. Short videos will cover topics around investigations, evaluations, audits and more. Stay tuned!

QUARTERLY OIG SNAPSHOT

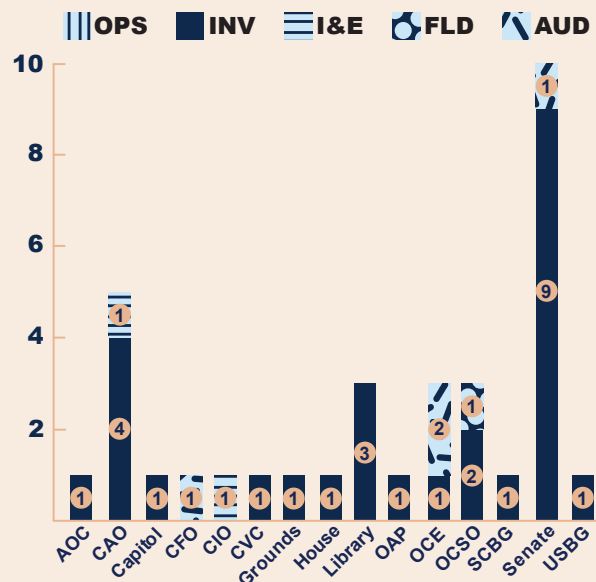
Check out our most recent reports:

- Follow-Up Evaluation of the Architect of the Capitol's Tree Maintenance Program ([OIG-FLD-2025-03](#)).
- Misuse of Government Equipment ([2025-0002-INVI-P](#)).
- Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Fraud ([2024-0005-INVI-P](#)).



Scan the QR code to access these reports and more!

Active OIG Engagements by Jurisdiction



Have a Request?

If there's a topic you're interested in learning more about or you think would benefit others, contact Charlotte.McCray@aoc.gov.

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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.