



AUDITOR & INVESTIGATOR CONFERENCE

2024 Indiana Auditor and Investigator Conference - Presenter Bios

Manny Becker currently serves as a Gaming Enforcement Investigator with the Indiana Gaming Commission. Manny started his law enforcement career with the Jennings County Sheriff's Office. In 2006 he joined the Indiana Gaming Commission and has held the positions of Enforcement Agent, Enforcement Supervisor, Central Zone Investigator, and is currently the assigned investigator to the Gaming Integrity Division.

Silvia Carrier is a Senior Special Agent (SSA) with Amtrak, Office of Inspector General (OIG), and has been a federal agent for over 25 years. Prior to joining Amtrak OIG, SSA Carrier retired as a supervising agent for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, where she led a team of agents and analysts that investigated mail fraud violations including investment fraud, consumer fraud, and public corruption investigations. In her current role, SSA Carrier investigates matters including Amtrak employee misconduct, contract fraud, and fraud committed against Amtrak.

David Cook was appointed to serve as Inspector General by Governor Eric Holcomb in 2021. Cook previously served as the chairman of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. He was appointed by then-Gov. Pence in 2015 and reappointed by Gov. Holcomb in 2017. The Commission is responsible for regulating and licensing the alcohol and tobacco industries. The ATC also directs the Indiana State Excise Police. During his tenure as chairman, Cook built an enforcement strategy focused on compliance through education and assistance and partnered with local law enforcement to address problem establishments and decrease criminal activity. He also created industry roundtables to improve communication between the commissioners and industry members.

Prior to his time at ATC, Cook served as judge of Marion Superior Criminal Division 7, a high-volume misdemeanor court. From 1995-2008, he served as the chief public defender for Marion County. Additionally, he served as a judicial officer on civil and family law cases in the Marion County Circuit Court. From 1979-1989, he worked in the Marion County Prosecutor's Office as chief trial deputy. Cook also spent time in private practice.

Cook earned an undergraduate degree from Ball State University and a law degree from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law.

Debbie Gibson is a graduate from Indiana University, a CPA and Certified Fraud Examiner. She has been with the State Board of Accounts for 38 years. She audited and oversaw the audits for the State of Indiana and its agencies for 21 years, including the audits of the Annual

Comprehensive Financial Report and Statewide Federal Report. In 2007 she started working with local governments, providing technical and compliance services. Recently, she has begun working with State agencies to provide those same services.

Susan Gordon is a CPA, CIA, CFE and attorney. She has worked for the State Board of Accounts for over 25 years in various roles serving state and local government, most recently in the State Agency Advisory Services Team.

Jake Hardesty is a Special Agent with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG) covering EPA Region 5, which spans six states in the Midwest. Jake investigates fraud, waste, and abuse involving EPA and its programs. Prior to joining EPA-OIG, he was an active-duty Special Agent with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Jake was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY where he worked a large variety of cases that included narcotics, sexual assaults, homicides, and fraud. Jake is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Paul Joyce is Indiana's State Examiner and the agency head for the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Paul coordinates and manages the post-audits and examinations of over 4,000 state and local governmental entities in Indiana. These post-audits and examinations are conducted to verify that revenues are collected in compliance with Indiana's laws and that all public money is expended in accordance with legislative intent and sound financial practice. Paul advocates that public office is a public trust and that officials and public employees should serve the people with responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency. Paul believes in accountability and transparency in both state and local governments and believes that public service is an opportunity for us to work together to make our government more transparent and accountable.

With the passage of Senate Bill 338 in March 2014, Paul became Indiana's first State Examiner to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Indiana General Assembly. Paul was instrumental in working with the legislature and the governor's office to recommend language that created Indiana's audit and financial reporting subcommittee of the Legislative Council. Paul was also responsible for recommending changes to the Indiana Code to assure the State Examiner and the Indiana State Board of Accounts are independent in accordance with *Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards*.

Paul has over 33 years of experience with the Indiana State Board of Accounts and has an extensive background in public service and auditing. Paul attended Vincennes University and Indiana State University and has a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He is also a Certified Public Accountant. Paul is a veteran having served in the U.S. Navy from 1984-1988, at which time he received an Honorable Discharge. Paul began his career with the Indiana State Board of Accounts in 1990 as an intern. In 2005, Paul was appointed as a Deputy State Examiner by Governor Daniels and held that position for eight years. In 2013, Paul was appointed State Examiner by Governor Pence, and reappointed to his second term by Governor Holcomb in 2017. In 2021, Governor Holcomb recommended that Paul be reappointment to a third term as State Examiner, which was accepted by the Legislative Council on January 13, 2022. Paul's current appointment as Indiana's State Examiner will run through December 31, 2025.

Paul interacts on a regular basis with members from the Governor's Office, the legislature, citizens, local government officials, the Inspector General, local state and federal law

enforcement agencies, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and various county prosecutors in cases involving public theft and fraud. Throughout his career, Paul has given several presentations on fraud prevention and auditing best practices to various government associations, the National State Auditors Association (NSAA); the National Association for State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT); the Midwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum (MIAF); and the Law Enforcement Conference hosted by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Paul was born and raised in Vincennes, Indiana, and is a 10th generation Hoosier. Paul and his wife, Vickie, currently reside in Avon, Indiana.

Chase Lenon is a CPA, CIA, CFE, and CGFM, and graduated from Ball State University in 2013. He has worked for the State Board of Accounts for over 10 years. He currently works with the State Advisory Services team and has previously worked in the state audits, procured audits, and local advisory services divisions of the State Board of Accounts. For seven years he specialized in providing services to schools and townships. Chase and his wife Rebecca recently welcomed the birth of their daughter, Esther, in January. He enjoys golfing, cheering for the Pacers, kayaking, and board games.

John Modransky is a Special Agent with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of Inspector General (OIG), and works in the Midwestern Region. John investigates criminal, civil, and administrative investigations of fraud and a variety of other allegations affecting DOT, its operating administrations, programs, and grantees. John serves as DOT OIG's partner member of the Infrastructure Task Force (ITF). Before joining DOT OIG, John was an Investigator for the Chicago Board of Education, Office of Inspector General. John began his career as a private investigator with a focus on insurance fraud. John is a graduate of Western Illinois University.

Julie Rodriguez has been a Special Agent with U.S. General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General, for five years. Prior to that she was an Investigator with the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, Office of Inspector General, for eight years. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Roosevelt University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield. She is a native of Chicago.

Andrew Rosa is a Trial Attorney in the Chicago Office of the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, where his work focuses on a range of criminal antitrust matters. Andrew is a representative of the Division's Procurement Collusion Strike Force, currently assigned as the district liaison for the District of Minnesota. Prior to joining the Antitrust Division, Andrew was a litigation associate at a global law firm where his practice included civil antitrust and white-collar criminal defense. Before attending law school, Andrew was an officer in the U.S. Navy.

Matthew Simmons is a Special Agent with the Department of Energy, Office of Inspector General and has over 16 years of federal law enforcement experience. Prior to joining the Department of Energy OIG, SA Simmons served as a U.S. Postal Inspector and as a Federal Air Marshal in Chicago. SA Simmons has experience working a wide variety of criminal investigations, including contract and procurement fraud, identity theft, collusive employee, violent crime, and cases involving national security matters.

Marco Vargas is a Special Agent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General (HUD OIG). Marco has been a Special Agent with HUD OIG for 21 years. He is assigned to the Chicago Field Office, which is part of the Midwest Region. HUD OIG's Midwest Region covers 11 states, including Indiana. He investigates fraud, waste, and abuse involving HUD programs and funding. Prior to joining HUD OIG, Marco attended Western Illinois University graduating Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and justice administration.

Andrew Williams is a Special Agent with the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation.