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**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**HALEY BARBOUR**, founding partner of BGR Group, returned to BGR in January 2012 after serving two consecutive terms as governor of Mississippi, including two years as the chairman of the Republican Governors Association. At BGR, he heads advocacy coalitions, lobbies on behalf of his clients and remains a major force in Republican party politics and elections. In addition, Haley Barbour joined counsel at the law firm Butler Snow LLP in Ridgeland, Mississippi, where he specializes in economic and business development.

Gov. Barbour began his political career in 1968, dropping out of college to work on Richard Nixon's presidential campaign; in 1976, after supporting Ronald Reagan for the GOP nomination, he ran Gerald Ford's fall campaign in the Southeast. In 1982, he ran for U.S. Senate in Mississippi but lost to incumbent John C. Stennis. Gov. Barbour later served as political director of the Reagan White House. In 1987, he cofounded the government affairs firm that later became BGR Group.

From 1993 to 1997, Gov. Barbour served as chairman of the Republican National Committee, managing the 1994 Republican surge that led to GOP control of both Houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years.

In 2003, he was elected governor of Mississippi, assuming office in January 2004. During his tenure as governor, Barbour led his state to adopt what the *Wall Street Journal* called the most comprehensive tort reform in the country. His team generated numerous large economic projects in the energy, aerospace and automotive fields, including the selection by Toyota of Blue Spring, Miss., for the company's newest U.S. auto assembly plant, which was the most sought-after economic development project in the United States that year. In Gov. Barbour's eight years as governor, per capita income in the state increased by 34 percent.

After Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005, Gov. Barbour received national recognition from the bipartisan American Legislative Exchange Council for his swift response to the worst natural disaster in American history. In 2015 he published *America's Great Storm: Leading Through Hurricane Katrina*, a memoir of the year after the storm from the governor's perspective and lessons in leadership from the mega-disaster. For his efforts to rebuild the Mississippi Gulf Coast, he received the Thomas Jefferson Freedom Award. Other awards during his tenure as governor included being named Governor of the Year by *Governing Magazine*, receiving the Gulf Guardian Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in recognition of his work to rebuild Gulf Coast ecosystems, and receiving the Adam Smith Award from BIPAC to honor his pursuit of the principles of free enterprise.

A native of Yazoo City, Mississippi, Gov. Barbour attended the University of Mississippi, where he received his J.D. in 1973. Governor Barbour resides in Yazoo City with his wife Marsha. They have two sons and seven grandchildren.

**MELISSA BARNETT** is a senior forensic audit manager for Auditor of State Dave Yost's Public Integrity Assurance Team. The Public Integrity Assurance Team is responsible for conducting limited scope fraud and investigative audits of state and local government subdivisions to examine allegations of fraud, theft, and/or misappropriation involving public funds.

Melissa has been involved in identifying fraud, waste, and abuse since 2008, including the investigation of Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann, the Columbus City Schools Data Integrity audit, and the nearly million-dollar embezzlement by the Village of Mount Sterling's village administrator.

Melissa has been with the Office of the Auditor of State since 2002, beginning her career as a financial auditor. Melissa is a graduate of Cedarville University and a certified fraud examiner.

**DAVID R. BEAN** is the director of research and technical activities for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. He assigns and provides oversight to the GASB's research, technical, and administrative activities.

Prior to joining the GASB in 1990, David worked in public accounting and government. He also has served as deputy chairman of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board. He was the lead author on the 1988 *Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting* and was the founder of the *GAAFR Review*. He was the last director of the National Council on Governmental Accounting before the formation of the GASB in 1984.

David is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, the Connecticut and Illinois Government Finance Officers Associations, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Illinois CPA Society, the Association of Government Accountants, the National Federation of Municipal Analysts, and the Municipal Analysts Group of New York.

**GILA J. BRONNER** is president and CEO of Bronner Group, LLC, a multi-disciplined professional services company that delivers comprehensive strategy, transformation, and accountability consulting services to state and local governments, federal agencies and government-related organizations. Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Bronner has assisted more than 450 government entities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico in streamlining business practices, implementing improved internal controls, and developing strong public oversight mechanisms.

Ms. Bronner is highly respected by government lawmakers and regulators as an expert on auditor independence and related accountability and internal control issues and is a nationally recognized authority on government compliance and oversight. She has written and lectured extensively on the subjects of auditor independence, government efficiency and reform, grants management and government accountability.

Pursuant to a Presidential appointment, Ms. Bronner served as a member of the governing council of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. In 2016, Ms. Bronner began a five-year term as a member of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board. She was also selected as an initial member of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Advisory Council Financial Audit Committee.

At the state level, Ms. Bronner has consulted to numerous state governments across multiple disciplines. Additionally, she has provided pro-bono assistance through service on state boards and commissions, including presently serving as Vice-Chair of the Illinois Finance Authority.

Over her 30-plus year career, Ms. Bronner has been an active national leader in the public accounting profession. She was a member of the board of directors of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is also a member of the Illinois CPA Society, where she served in numerous leadership roles. For two consecutive years, *Accounting Today*, named Ms. Bronner one of the top 100 most influential people in accounting.

Ms. Bronner received her bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Illinois. She was inducted into the University's College of Business Administration's Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies Hall of Fame and presented with the Distinguished Graduate Award. She is a member of the University of Illinois, College of Business Administration Alumni Leadership Academy, and its Accounting Advisory Committee.

Ms. Bronner is a licensed certified public accountant in Illinois, Indiana, California, Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania.

**TAMMIE S. BROWN**, CPA, CFE, is an assistant director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Audit Services, National External Audit Review (NEAR). She also serves as the single audit coordinator for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Her responsibilities include overseeing the quality control review and peer review activities related to single audits of nonfederal entities. The NEAR staff performs and participates in approximately 3000 desk reviews, nine QCRs and nine statewide peer reviews of single audits annually.

The Government Accountability Office recognized Ms. Brown's contributions to the improvement of the single audit process with their designation of her as the 2014 Federal recipient of the David M. Walker Excellence in Government Performance & Accountability Award.

Ms. Brown graduated from Missouri Western University with a B.A. in accounting and from North West Missouri State University with an M.B.A. She is a certified public accountant and a certified fraud examiner. She is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Government Accountants.

**SUZANNE M. BUMP**, the twenty-fifth auditor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, is the first woman to serve in this role in the state's history and was sworn into office in January 2011. As auditor, she has prioritized effective management of public resources to improve public trust in government.

Her mission in the Auditor's Office is to make government work better by helping it become more efficient, effective, accountable and transparent in meeting its mission to serve the public. She has championed the use of innovative technologies to improve government performance and recruited and trained a talented staff to bolster these efforts. In 2016, Auditor Bump's office was awarded the NSAA Excellence in Accountability award for an audit of the state Medicaid program's administration of Managed Care Organizations and related fee-for-service payments. The audit found over half-a-billion dollars in improper or unnecessary payments and missed savings opportunities.

Bump serves on several public boards, including the Inspector General Council and the Municipal Finance Oversight Board. She is also a member of the U.S. Comptroller General's Domestic Working Group and sits on the Executive Committee of NSAA. Auditor Bump previously served as Massachusetts' secretary of labor and workforce development under Governor Deval Patrick, and also represented the town of Braintree in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for eight years.

A native of Whitman, Massachusetts, Auditor Bump is a graduate of Boston College and Suffolk University School of Law. She currently lives in North Easton, Massachusetts.

**KATIE CARDENAS** is a senior auditor at the California State Auditor's Office. During her five years with the auditor's office, Katie has worked on a variety of performance audits spanning issues such as higher education, K-12 education, criminal justice and public health. Katie has managed multiple performance audits as a team leader including the Office of the President's budget and financial practices and a recent audit on the quality of care and financial practices of California nursing homes. Her other work includes audits regarding the CalGang database, female inmate sterilization, and adult education programs. Katie is originally from Northeastern California and received a bachelor's degree in political science from Humboldt State University and a master's degree in public policy and administration from Sacramento State.

**SCOTT DEVINEY**, CPA, has worked for the Office of the Washington State Auditor since 2000. He leads the office's technical support team to deliver current audit guidance, training, technical assistance and quality assurance. He also serves on the Financial Management Standards Board of the Association of Government Accountants and both the Peer Review and Audit Standards and Reporting committees of the National State Auditors Association.

**SCOTT FRANK** became the director of performance audit for the Office of the Washington State Auditor in February 2018. In that capacity, he directs the office's performance audit and cybersecurity audit programs, both of which are conducted under a citizens' ballot initiative that was passed in 2005.

Prior to coming to Washington, Scott worked for the Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit for nearly 20 years, including serving as the state's fifth legislative post auditor from 2010 to 2018. He has served on the executive committees for a number of national and regional audit organizations, including the National State Auditors Association, the Mid-America Intergovernmental Audit Forum and the Pacific Northwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum.

Scott holds a B.S. in management information systems from Kansas State University, an M.S. in business administration from the University of Kansas, and an M.A. in economics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**KATHLEEN FULLERTON** is a principal auditor with the California State Auditor's Office. During her 12 years with the auditor's office, Kathleen has managed a variety of performance audits on education-related topics, including examining the University of California Office of the President's budget and financial practices, analyzing the impact of nonresident enrollment at the University of California, assessing access to college preparatory coursework for high school students, and identifying solutions to mitigate the impact of rising textbook prices. Some of her other projects include the California High-Speed Rail Authority's oversight and funding for the high-speed rail project and the Judicial Council of California's executive compensation practices.

Prior to her tenure with the auditor's office, Kathleen served as a staff member in the State Assembly of the California Legislature and worked for an advocacy firm that focused primarily on health-related policy issues.

Kathleen has bachelors' degrees in psychology and political science from the University of California, Davis, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California.

**DENNIS GRAUL** is a fraud investigator for Auditor of State Dave Yost's Public Integrity Assurance Team. The Public Integrity Assurance Team is responsible for conducting limited scope fraud and investigative audits of state and local government subdivisions to examine allegations of fraud, theft, and/or misappropriation involving public funds. Dennis was initially hired to lead the criminal investigation of the Columbus City School Districts data manipulation resulting in the prosecution of the District's Superintendent and three others. During his time with the Office of the Auditor of State Dennis has worked numerous investigations leading to the prosecution of corrupt public officials. More recently he has been assigned to a team involved in the review of the state of Ohio's medical marijuana program.

Dennis began his employment with the Auditor of State's office in February 2013, a short time after his retirement from the City of Columbus Division of Police where he served for 32 years.

**JOE (JOEY) D. HAVENS, JR., CPA, CGMA**, is the executive partner of HORNE LLP, leading more than 500 team members to build the Wise Firm© while passionately living out his life's calling to help others see and reach their full potential. He leads the strategic visioning for culture, growth and client excellence for HORNE. Within the profession, he actively challenges the mainstays of public accounting. He advocates growing leaders faster using holistic approaches and intentional sponsorship. He is the author of "beBetter: A Leadership Blog," and was named to *Accounting Today's* Elite Managing Partner List in 2016. Joey was also named as a Top Thought Leader in the Accounting Profession by CPA Practice Advisor in 2018. He is the author of numerous whitepapers and articles, including *Becoming the Firm of the Future* published by the AICPA.

**MIKE HURST** is the United States attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi. In this role, Hurst serves as the chief federal law enforcement officer for the 45 southern counties in Mississippi, covering approximately two million Mississippians. Hurst was sworn in and began work as U.S. attorney on October 10, 2017.

Prior to his appointment as U.S. attorney, Hurst was the director of the Mississippi Justice Institute (MJJI), a division of the non-profit Mississippi Center for Public Policy. Before creating MJJI, Mike was the Republican nominee for Mississippi attorney general in 2015.

From 2006 until February 2015, Mike served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, where he focused primarily on fighting public corruption. Mike received numerous awards from the Department of Justice, Homeland Security, and other federal law enforcement agencies.

Before going to work at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mike worked in various roles on Capitol Hill and practiced at a law firm in Washington, DC.

Mike is originally from Hickory, Mississippi, and is a graduate of East Central Community College in Decatur and Millsaps College in Jackson, as well as The George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. Mike and his family currently live in Rankin County.

**PAUL JOYCE** was reappointed state examiner for the Indiana State Board of Accounts by Governor Eric J. Holcomb on December 14, 2017 and his appointment was confirmed by the Legislative Council on the same date. Paul's appointment as state examiner is through December 31, 2021.

As state examiner Paul coordinates and manages the audits and examinations of over 4,100 state and local governmental entities in Indiana. He has over 26 years of experience with an extensive background in public service and auditing. He advocates accountability and transparency in government and believes that public service is an obligation and an opportunity for us to work together to make our government more transparent and accountable.

Paul is a certified public accountant and began his career with the Indiana State Board of Accounts in 1990 as an intern. Prior to his current reappointment as state examiner Paul was appointed as state examiner for a four-year term ending December 31, 2017 by the current Vice President and

former Indiana Governor Mike Pence. For the eight years prior to becoming state examiner, Paul held the position of deputy state examiner. Prior to that he served many years in the field as a field examiner performing local government audits and investigations. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy from 1984 through 1988.

Paul interacts on a regular basis with members from the governor's office, the legislature, Office of Management and Budget, 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 theft and fraud.

**ANDREW LOVE** is a performance audit manager in Audits Division at Oregon's office of Secretary of State. Andrew has been with the Audits Division for 15 years and has a degree in finance from Oregon State University and a certificate in public management from Willamette University. He is also a certified Lean facilitator.

**FRANK MARTIN** is the vice president of finance and controller for Ingalls Shipbuilding. Named to this position in 2011, Frank has responsibility for the accounting, program finance, financial planning, risk management and Earned Value Management System functions.

He brings 30 years of experience to the finance and business management organization, having held positions of increasing responsibility in financial analysis, program accounting, financial planning and program business management. Most recently, he was director and business manager for the DDG 1000 program.

A native of Mississippi, Frank earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Millsaps College. He is a graduate of the Gulf Coast Business Council master's program and "Creating the Future" Executive Education at the University of Virginia, Darden School of Business. Frank also holds a Six Sigma Green Belt.

**JOSHUA NOWELL** grew up in Laurel, Mississippi, and attended the local junior college before graduating from the University of Mississippi in 2006 with a degree in business administration. After graduation, he started an oil and gas consulting company with his wife, Emily, and together, they traveled across America meeting landowners and working in small-town communities.

While visiting beautiful towns across the Northeast, the desire to see his own hometown completely revitalized grew, and so, he and Emily made their first home in a historic building in downtown Laurel right across the street from the Rasberrys and Napiers. That purchase has grown into multiple buildings and the full-time redevelopment of abandoned properties across Laurel's downtown footprint.

Josh and his wife, Emily, are founders and partners in Laurel Mercantile Co and can often be found with their three children enjoying the community of Laurel.

**CHERYL PAHAHAM** currently serves as the director of special projects in the Office of the State Comptroller's Division of State Government Accountability, where she is responsible for implementing new initiatives that enhance the division's work. She previously led strategic audit planning for the division and served as a fiscal monitor with oversight of New York City's financial plan. Dr. Pahaham holds a doctorate in sociology from the New School for Social Research in New York City.

Elected as Mississippi's forty-first state auditor in 2007, **STACEY PICKERING** was re-elected to his third term as state auditor in 2015, receiving over 65 percent of the vote in the November general election. Since 2008, Pickering has recovered more than \$26 million in embezzled, misappropriated and misspent taxpayer money on behalf of Mississippians.

In 2014, Auditor Pickering received the David M. Walker Award for excellence in accountability from the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Auditor Pickering was honored with the National State Auditor's Association's national Excellence in Accountability Award in 2012. In 2009, and again in 2013, the Department of Defense honored him with a Patriot Award in recognition of his extraordinary support of its employees who serve in the Mississippi National Guard and Reserve.

Auditor Pickering currently serves on the Domestic Working Group for the Office of the Comptroller General of the United States. He also serves as president of the National Association of State Auditors. Stacey serves in the Mississippi Air National Guard with the 186th AOG and is a

dedicated troop leader for Boy Scouts of America. Auditor Pickering and his wife, Whitney, live in Laurel, Mississippi.

**CHRISTIE A. PUGNETTI** is a senior auditor on the U.S. Government Accountability Office's Financial Management and Assurance Team. Ms. Pugnetti is a member of GAO's audit standards team responsible for developing, drafting, and maintaining Government Auditing Standards (the Yellow Book) and Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government (the Green Book). Ms. Pugnetti has also worked on financial statement audits of government entities, including GAO's financial statement audit of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ms. Pugnetti graduated from the University of Virginia with a bachelor of science degree in commerce and a master of science degree in accounting. She is a certified public accountant. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Government Accountants, and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

**DARYL G. PURPERA** was unanimously elected by the Legislature to serve as the legislative auditor for the state of Louisiana on April 6, 2010, and sworn in on April 19, 2010. Mr. Purpera previously served as the first assistant legislative auditor for three years and has 30 years of audit experience including financial audits, investigative audits, conducting forensic interviews, and testifying before courts and legislative committees.

Mr. Purpera holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Louisiana State University and has been a certified public accountant since 1985. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and served on the AICPA State and Local Government Expert Panel from 2009-11.

Mr. Purpera serves as secretary/treasurer for the National State Auditors Association's Executive Committee. He is also chairman of the NSAA Performance Audit Committee as well as serves on these NSAA committees: Annual Meeting Program, Nominating and Pension Audit Issues Workgroup.

He is honored to also serve on the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers Committee on Accounting, Reporting and Auditing. As a member of the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants, Mr. Purpera serves on the Government Accounting and Auditing Committee.

Mr. Purpera serves as a state representative for the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum, as well as an Executive Committee member for the Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum. He is also a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Government Finance Officers Association.

As the Louisiana legislative auditor, Mr. Purpera statutorily serves on the Fiscal Review Committee, Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee, Cash Management Review Board, Investment Advisory Committee and the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board, as well as several other task forces and commissions.

Mr. Purpera is dedicated to the fulfillment of the LLA's mission: "To foster accountability and transparency in Louisiana government by providing the Legislature and others with audit services, fiscal advice, and other useful information."

A lifelong resident of Laurel and Jones County, **JIM RASBERRY** graduated from Jones County Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi with degrees in business administration. He holds FINRA licenses 6,7,63,66 and a Mississippi Life and Health Insurance license.

In 2002, Jim founded Rasberry Financial Services, which has become a premier firm in the Southeast offering investment and retirement planning services to personal clients and businesses. Jim was recently named a "Leader in Finance" by the *Mississippi Business Journal*. Jim is also partner in a historic real estate development firm and partner in the Laurel Mercantile Co.

Jim is passionate about his community and works aggressively to promote Laurel and Jones County through his work as chairman of the Economic Development Authority of Jones County and serves as board member to Leadership Jones County, Jones County Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member of Laurel Main Street, which promotes business development in downtown Laurel. Since 2007, Downtown Laurel has ushered in more than 30 new businesses, \$10 million of private investment, and over 250 net new jobs. Jim serves on the Laurel School District board of trustees and can also be seen in the HGTV hit show, *Home Town*, which chronicles the rebirth of a small town in

Mississippi. This involvement has spurred the topic of “Downtown Comeback” as nationally recognized content that educates, inspires, and motivates others to get involved with saving America’s small towns and understanding the value of “Made in the USA”

Jim is married to the former Mallorie Magee of Tylertown, MS, and they have a daughter named Lucy. The Rasberry’s have called downtown Laurel home since 2009.

**MALLORIE RASBERRY** graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2008 with a bachelor of accountancy and immediately followed with a master of accountancy and passing the certified public accountant exam.

Mallorie worked for KPMG and a large regional accounting firm before taking root in Laurel, Mississippi, helping run the family businesses, Rasberry Producer Group and Rasberry Financial Services.

They also co-own and manage their retail store, the Laurel Mercantile. In 2016 a partnership was formed between the Napiers, Nowells and Rasperrys, three couples made up of family and long-time best friends. They used their combined expertise in history, design, historic preservation, organizational management, finance and accounting to reopen Laurel’s bygone hometown store. Mallorie is the VP of purchasing for the retail store, where the whole team is committed to only USA-made heirloom wares and durable goods for home and life.

You can also find Mallorie behind the scenes and on the big screen as a cast member on the HGTV hit show, *Home Town*. Mallorie is very involved with the downtown revitalization and economic development efforts in Laurel through her volunteerism on the Laurel Main Street Board of Directors as well as operating the Laurel Welcome Center and three bed and breakfast properties.

While their businesses and volunteerism keep the Rasperrys busy, nothing brings them more joy than their five-year old daughter, Lucy.

**KENRICK (KEN) SIFONTES** is an audit director in the Division of State Government Accountability of the Office of the New York State Comptroller. He plans and implements audits of New York State and New York City agencies, the City University of New York system, and for-profit and not-for-profit entities. Ken’s audits have resulted in improvements to agency operations; the identification of fraud, waste, and abuse; and millions of dollars in cost savings. They were also the catalysts for the state legislature’s modification of the Charter Schools Act and the state’s 2013 Preschool Special Education Initiative. Ken has been the recipient of many awards, including a 2015 Certification of Recognition for Public Service from the U.S. Department of Education – Office of Inspector General.

He holds a master’s degree in accounting and is a graduate of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy Strategic Leadership Institute and of the Governor’s Office of Employee Relations Leadership Program. Ken is an active member of the Association of Government Accountants and is a past president of the New York City Chapter and a past regional vice president. He also is immediate past chairman of the New York-New Jersey Intergovernmental Audit Forum.

**MICHAEL SOLOMON**, CPA, is an audit manager with the Division of State Government Accountability of the Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC), where he is responsible for the planning and implementation of programmatic and financial audits of New York City agencies and authorities. A long-time veteran of OSC auditing, Mike’s areas of expertise are wide-ranging, and include education/student health and safety, not-for-profit organizations, supported housing, and mental health services. His list of achievements includes many high-profile audits, most notably the financial condition of the New York Racing Association, overtime practices at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and time and attendance at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey – all of which have hugely impacted the accountability of taxpayer-funded operations.

Prior to his role as audit manager, Mike served as assistant director at the Office of the State Deputy Comptroller, where he led the bureau that monitored and reported on New York City’s expenditures, as well as those of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

With more than 22 years of experience on the seminar circuit, Certified Speaking Professional **MANDI STANLEY** works primarily with business and governmental leaders who want to boost their professional image by becoming better speakers and writers. She has traveled throughout North America entertaining

and educating more than 55,000 seminar participants. Some of her repeat clients include the United States Air Force, National Security Agency, Department of Energy, Mississippi PEER Committee, Nuclear Energy Institute, Louisiana Legislative Auditors, Campbell's Soup, Godiva Chocolate, McDonald's USA, and the National Football League.

In 2003, Mandi was designated a CSP, certified speaking professional. Fewer than nine percent of all worldwide speakers have earned this designation, and Mandi is the first Mississippian in history to receive this honor through the National Speakers Association.

She's the award-winning business author of *The No-Panic Plan for Presenters: An A-to-Z Checklist for Speaking Confidently and Compellingly Anywhere, Anytime*. She and her husband Bob live in Madison with their two teenaged sons. Audiences appreciate her platform enthusiasm, interactive style, and content-rich messages.

**DAVID A. VAUDT** was named chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board effective July 1, 2013. Mr. Vaudt came to the GASB after serving the previous 10 years as Iowa's elected state auditor. Prior to his election, Mr. Vaudt worked for 25 years in the Des Moines, Iowa office of KPMG LLP, including 13 years as an audit partner. Mr. Vaudt has served as president of the National State Auditors Association, chair of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, and chair of the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board. He also served on the boards of numerous nonprofit service organizations in Iowa. Mr. Vaudt, a graduate of Upper Iowa University, is a certified public accountant.

**BETH WOOD** is a certified public accountant in her third term as North Carolina's elected state auditor. She is a long-time public servant with nearly 25 years of auditing experience, having worked in the Auditor's Office for nearly 10 years before her election in 2008 and also in the State Treasurer's Office. Before that, she worked for several companies in the private sector. She is the first woman elected State Auditor in North Carolina.

Through her work as state auditor, Beth has helped strengthen and improve state government. Audit teams across the state watch every area of state government for potential savings and smart use of taxpayer dollars. The office has focused particularly on healthcare spending and contracting practices that favored vendors at the expense of taxpayers. As a result, audits published by OSA during her tenure have identified millions of dollars of potential savings.

Additionally, the office is following up on prior audits, evaluating the use of best practices by state agencies, and working to attract and retain highly skilled auditors.