



WILLIAM G. HOLLAND

Auditor General

William G. Holland was nominated by the 87th General Assembly as Illinois' second Auditor General. His term commenced in August 1992, and he was unanimously reappointed to a second 10-year term in August 2002.

Holland began his government career as a legislative intern with the House Majority staff in 1974. In 1976, he was appointed director of the House Majority Appropriations committee staff.

In 1980, Holland was appointed the first director of the Illinois General Assembly's Washington office. Under his leadership, a professional, bipartisan office was created to act as an advocate for the Illinois General Assembly in its dealings with Congress, executive agencies of the federal government, and national organizations such as the National Conference of State Legislatures.

From 1983 to 1992, Holland served as chief of staff for the president of the Illinois Senate. In that position, his responsibilities included managing a professional staff, guiding bills through the legislative process, representing the majority party on key issues, and responding to the concerns of legislators, state agencies, constituents and interest groups.

Holland is a member of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers, where he serves on the Training and Professional Development Committee, and a member and past president of the National State Auditors' Association (NSAA), currently serving on several of its permanent committees. He also serves on the Government Accountability Office Domestic Working Group appointed by the U.S. Comptroller General.

Under Holland's leadership, the Auditor General's office was recognized with the NSAA Excellence in Accountability Award for management audits of the Illinois Tollway Authority and the Rend Lake Conservancy District. The office also received the IMPACT Award from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society for audits released during each of the past four years. The award is given annually for audit reports that demonstrate significant dollar savings, program improvements, and impact from legislative and public perspectives. The Auditor General's office has received unqualified opinions from a national, peer review group during each of its triennial reviews conducted in 1996, 1999, 2002 and 2005.

In 1991, Holland was given the honor of membership in the inaugural class of the Samuel K. Gove Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame. In 2001, he was awarded the Motorola Excellence in Public Service Award, given annually to a non-elected public official who has improved the lives of citizens through leadership, teamwork and innovation. In 2007, he was awarded the William R. Snodgrass Leadership Award by the National State Auditors' Association for his distinctive leadership and contributions on state government auditing.

Holland graduated from Seattle University, Seattle, WA. He is active with the United Way and the State Employees' Combined Appeal Program. He has three children and resides in Springfield.

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