



WILLIAM G. HOLLAND

Auditor General

William Holland was nominated by the 87th General Assembly as Illinois' second Auditor General in August 1992. He was unanimously reappointed to a third 10-year term in August 2012.

Holland began his government career as a legislative intern with the Illinois House in 1974. In 1978, 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, D.C., office. Under his leadership, a professional, bipartisan office was created to act as an advocate for the General Assembly in its dealings with Congress, federal executive agencies, 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.

Under Holland's leadership, the Auditor General's office has been recognized with several NSAA Excellence in Accountability Awards for performance audits. The office also received the Impact Award from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society for audits released in recent years. The award is given annually for audit reports that demonstrate significant dollar savings, program improvements and impact on public policies. The Auditor General's office has received unqualified opinions from a national peer review group during each of its triennial reviews conducted from 1996 through 2011.

Auditor General Holland is a member and first vice president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers, where he serves on several committees, including Executive, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Affairs, Personnel and Strategic Planning. He also is a member and past president of the National State Auditors' Association, serving on several committees, and serves on the Government Accountability Office Domestic Working Group, appointed by the U.S. Comptroller General.

In 1990, Holland was honored with membership in the inaugural class of the Samuel K. Gove Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame. He received the Motorola Excellence in Public Service Award in 2001, 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 in state government auditing.

Auditor General Bill Holland graduated from Seattle University in Seattle, Wa. He has three children and five grandchildren and resides in Springfield.

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