



WILLIAM G. HOLLAND

Auditor General

Bill Holland was nominated by the 87th General Assembly as Illinois' second Auditor General in August 1992. He was unanimously reappointed to a second 10-year term in August 2002.

Holland began his government career as a legislative intern with the Illinois 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 General Assembly's Washington 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, he served as chief of staff for the president of the Illinois Senate.

Under Holland's leadership, the Auditor General's office was recognized with several NSAA Excellence in Accountability Awards for management audits. 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 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 2008.

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, serving on several committees. He also serves on the Government Accountability Office Domestic Working Group appointed by the U.S. Comptroller General.

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.

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

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