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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Senior public sector audit executive with over 26 years of experience leading audit, governance, accountability, fraud examination, and institutional modernization initiatives. Extensive expertise in financial, compliance, and performance auditing, strategic leadership, stakeholder engagement, and strengthening public sector governance frameworks.

Recognized for driving organizational transformation, advancing professional audit standards, leading multidisciplinary teams, and representing Belize in regional and international Supreme Audit Institution networks.

CORE EXPERTISE

- Public Sector Auditing
- Strategic Leadership
- Governance & Accountability
- Risk Management
- Digital Transformation
- Public Financial Management
- Policy Analysis
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Organizational Development

KEY CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Auditor General of Belize
- More than two decades of progressive leadership within the Office of the Auditor General
- Led institutional digital transformation initiatives
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Regional representative in multiple international audit organizations
- Facilitator, trainer and mentor in performance and compliance auditing
- Contributor to public sector integrity, accountability and transparency initiatives

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AUDITOR GENERAL

Office of the Auditor General, Belize *2025 – Present*

- Provide strategic leadership and direction for the Supreme Audit Institution.
- Oversee financial, compliance and performance audit programs.
- Advise Parliament and key stakeholders on accountability and governance matters.
- Lead institutional modernization and workforce development initiatives.
- Strengthening relationships with national, regional and international partners.

DEPUTY AUDITOR GENERAL

Office of the Auditor General, Belize *2019 – 2024*

- Directed audit operations and quality assurance processes.
- Supervised audit teams conducting financial, compliance and performance audits.
- Coordinated strategic planning, reporting and professional development programs.
- Led key organizational reform initiatives.

SUPERVISOR OF AUDIT

Office of the Auditor General, Belize *2014-2019*

- Managed complex audit assignments across public sector entities.
- Led audit planning, execution and reporting.

- Provided technical guidance to audit staff.

EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS

Office of the Auditor General, Belize *2008-2014*

- Conducted financial and compliance audits of government entities.
- Assisted with reporting and audit documentation.

AUDIT CLERK

Office of the Auditor General, Belize *2000 – 2008*

- Performed fieldwork and audit testing.
- Assisted in preparing audit reports and working papers.

MAJOR LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS

Digital Transformation

Led implementation of initiatives aimed at modernizing audit methodologies and digitizing audit processes to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Capacity Building

Developed and supported professional development programs for auditors in performance auditing, compliance auditing and fraud examination.

International Representation

Represented Belize in regional and international forums focused on public sector auditing, governance and accountability.

Institutional Strengthening

Contributed to strategic planning, quality assurance, integrity initiatives and organizational development programs.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

University of South Wales (UNICAF)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

University of Belize

ASSOCIATE DEGREE / DIPLOMA IN GENERAL STUDIES

St. John's Junior College

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Selected Executive Programs

- International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) – USA
- Women in Leadership Program

REFERENCES

Available upon request.
