

Orice Williams Brown

As GAO's Chief Operating Officer, Orice Williams Brown assists the Comptroller General in providing agency leadership and vision. She is responsible for day-to-day agency management to ensure that GAO effectively supports Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities. Orice also oversees the development of hundreds of reports and testimonies to Congress each year. These and other GAO initiatives provide critical information for decision making, save the taxpayers billions of dollars, and improve a wide range of government programs and services.

From 2017 to 2021, Orice served as the Managing Director for Congressional Relations. She oversaw the receipt of the hundreds of requests from the Congress and statutory requirements for reports that come to GAO every year and supported the Executive Committee's decisions about accepting and assigning them. She and her team worked directly with Congressional Committees and Members as the liaison between GAO mission teams and staff offices and the Congress. She also co-led GAO's oversight of the federal response to the pandemic.

Prior to this position, Orice was the Managing Director in the Financial Markets and Community Investment Team from 2011 to 2017. In addition to managing the Team, Ms. Brown has been responsible for leading numerous engagements on a variety of cross-cutting public policy issues in the financial services industry. Her portfolio of work was concentrated in banking, securities, futures, and insurance issues. She has produced numerous reports and led a wide variety of efforts involving financial regulatory oversight, agency operations and management, consumer/investor protection, diversity management, flood insurance, and Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program. She also co-led GAO's effort to identify duplication, overlap, and fragmentation and cost savings in government.

Orice was a Director in the Financial Markets and Community Investment Team beginning in 2005 after her appointment to the Senior Executive Service.

Orice has over 30 years with GAO. She began her GAO career in General Government Division. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Business Administration from Virginia Tech. She has won numerous honors throughout her career, including the 2023 Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership, 2009 and 2017 Comptroller General's Award and the 2013 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal for Career Achievement for her decades of work overseeing financial regulators and serving as a trusted resource to Congress concerning financial markets and regulators. She has been a National Academy of Public Administration fellow since 2018.