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Cathleen Berrick is the Managing Director of GAO's Homeland Security and Justice Team. In this position, she oversees GAO's reviews of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Justice (DOJ) programs and operations, including GAO reviews of DHS efforts to secure our nation's borders, citizens, and infrastructure against acts of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction; strengthen emergency preparedness and response capabilities to respond to and recover from natural and man-made disasters; strengthen the judicial system to more effectively address crime, illegal drug use, illegal immigration, and judiciary and prison operations; and facilitate information-sharing and analysis to enhance coordination among governments, the private sector, and communities, and to protect critical infrastructure. Prior to being named Managing Director by Acting Comptroller General Gene Dodaro, Mrs. Berrick served as GAO's director of transportation security and DHS management issues, and prior to that, tax administration and justice issues. Mrs. Berrick routinely testifies before numerous Senate and House Congressional committees as an expert witness, regularly represents GAO through speeches and presentations, and her work is often recognized in the national press and media.

Prior to joining GAO in 2002, Mrs. Berrick held numerous positions at the Department of Defense and U.S. Postal Service. Most recently, at the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, Mrs. Berrick provided oversight over all activities of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, a Federal law enforcement and security agency of 4,500 criminal investigative and support personnel, with an annual budget of approximately \$500 million. At the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, Mrs. Berrick led numerous reviews of agency acquisition, transportation, and logistics operations, identifying monetary savings to the federal government in the millions of dollars.

Mrs. Berrick was awarded the 2005 William A. Jump Memorial Foundation's Meritorious Award, awarded to one federal employee annually under the age of 37 for exemplary achievement in Public Administration; received GAO's Distinguished Service Award in 2006; and was a finalist for a Service to America Medal Award in Homeland Security in 2009. Mrs. Berrick was also recognized on the floor of the U.S. Senate in May 2010 for outstanding achievements in public service. Mrs. Berrick is a Certified Public Accountant.