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Richard M. Stana retired in December 2011 as Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. During his 36-year career with GAO, he served in several headquarters offices, the Detroit Regional Office, and the European Office in Frankfurt, Germany. For the 14 years prior to his retirement, he directed GAO's work relating to immigration and border security issues. Over the years he also directed reviews on a wide variety of complex issues, including tax policy and administration, income security, foreign assistance agreements, defense operations and logistics, and court administration and corrections. He contributed to hundreds of reports, testified before Congress 65 times, interacted extensively with major broadcast and print media, and identified billions in financial savings to the government. He is currently a faculty member at the Graduate School USA.

Mr. Stana earned a Masters degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Financial Management from Kent State University. He also attended management and leadership programs at Harvard University's JFK School of Government and Cornell University's Johnson School of Management. He served for 2 years on active duty in the U.S. Army. Mr. Stana received many GAO awards throughout his career, including the Distinguished Service Award in 2011 and 2005, and the Client Service Award in 2009. Outside of GAO, he has been active in many civic and community organizations. Marianne, his wife of 37 years, taught in the Fairfax County Public School system. They have a daughter, Katie, who is a Foreign Service Officer at the State Department and a son, Dan, who is a Senior Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers.