

## **Chris Currie**

### **Director, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

Chris became a Director in the Homeland Security and Justice team in January 2014 and is the only HSJ director based on the field. He is responsible for GAO's work on national preparedness issues, which broadly includes emergency management, critical infrastructure protection and resilience, and other security related issues such as bio defense and homeland security research and development. Prior to that as an SES candidate, he was an acting director in DCM, where he led various reviews of defense issues including military housing, military aircraft, and counter-piracy efforts. In the decade prior to that—dating back to the creation of DHS (and HSJ)—Chris worked on numerous audits and assessments of DHS programs in HSJ. This included work related to transportation security, research and development of new technologies, and the Department's efforts to test and evaluate large acquisition programs and technologies and has watched that department grow and mature over that time. As an assistant director in HSJ, Chris also led reviews of the Justice Department, FBI, and the federal judiciary and is particularly proud of his efforts to help improve GAO's access in that area. He also served as a report reviewer in HSJ for 2 years.

Chris began his career in June 2002 in GAO's Atlanta office. Prior to joining GAO in 2002, he worked for the State of Georgia in both the Secretary of State's Office and for the State Legislature. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Georgia State University and a Bachelor's in History from the University of Georgia.