



2024 Indiana Auditor and Investigator Conference - Presenter Bios

Manny Becker currently serves as a Gaming Enforcement Investigator with the Indiana Gaming Commission. Manny started his law enforcement career with the Jennings County Sheriff's Office. In 2006 he joined the Indiana Gaming Commission and has held the positions of Enforcement Agent, Enforcement Supervisor, Central Zone Investigator, and is currently the assigned investigator to the Gaming Integrity Division.

David Cook was appointed to serve as Inspector General by Governor Eric Holcomb in 2021. Cook previously served as the chairman of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC). He was appointed by then-Gov. Pence in 2015 and reappointed by Gov. Holcomb in 2017. The Commission is responsible for regulating and licensing the alcohol and tobacco industries. The ATC also directs the Indiana State Excise Police. During his tenure as chairman, Cook built an enforcement strategy focused on compliance through education and assistance and partnered with local law enforcement to address problem establishments and decrease criminal activity. He also created industry roundtables to improve communication between the commissioners and industry members.

Prior to his time at ATC, Cook served as judge of Marion Superior Criminal Division 7, a high-volume misdemeanor court. From 1995-2008, he served as the chief public defender for Marion County. Additionally, he served as a judicial officer on civil and family law cases in the Marion County Circuit Court. From 1979-1989, he worked in the Marion County Prosecutor's Office as chief trial deputy. Cook also spent time in private practice.

Cook earned an undergraduate degree from Ball State University and a law degree from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law.

Debbie Gibson is a graduate from Indiana University, a CPA and Certified Fraud Examiner. She has been with the State Board of Accounts for 38 years. She audited and oversaw the audits for the State of Indiana and its agencies for 21 years, including the audits of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Statewide Federal Report. In 2007 she started working with local governments, providing technical and compliance services. Recently, she has begun working with State agencies to provide those same services.

Susan Gordon is a CPA, CIA, CFE and attorney. She has worked for the State Board of Accounts for over 25 years in various roles serving state and local government, most recently in the State Agency Advisory Services Team.

Paul Joyce is Indiana's State Examiner and the agency head for the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Paul coordinates and manages the post-audits and examinations of over 4,000 state and local governmental entities in Indiana. These post-audits and examinations are conducted to verify that revenues are collected in compliance with Indiana's laws and that all public money is expended in accordance with legislative intent and sound financial practice.

Paul has over 33 years of experience with the Indiana State Board of Accounts and has an extensive background in public service and auditing. Paul attended Vincennes University and Indiana State University and has a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He is also a Certified Public Accountant. Paul is a veteran having served in the U.S. Navy from 1984-1988, at which time he received an Honorable Discharge. Paul began his career with the Indiana State Board of Accounts in 1990 as an intern. In 2005, Paul was appointed as a Deputy State Examiner by Governor Daniels and held that position for eight years. In 2013, Paul was appointed State Examiner by Governor Pence and reappointed to his second term by Governor Holcomb in 2017. In 2021, Governor Holcomb recommended that Paul be reappointed to a third term as State Examiner, which was accepted by the Legislative Council on January 13, 2022. Paul's current appointment as Indiana's State Examiner will run through December 31, 2025.

Paul interacts on a regular basis with members from the Governor's Office, the legislature, citizens, local government officials, the Inspector General, local state and federal law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and various county prosecutors in cases involving public theft and fraud. Throughout his career, Paul has given several presentations on fraud prevention and auditing best practices to various government associations, the National State Auditors Association (NSAA); the National Association for State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT); the Midwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum (MIAF); and the Law Enforcement Conference hosted by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Paul was born and raised in Vincennes, Indiana, and is a 10th generation Hoosier. Paul and his wife, Vickie, currently reside in Avon, Indiana.

Chase Lenon is a CPA, CIA, CFE, and CGFM, and graduated from Ball State University in 2013. He has worked for the State Board of Accounts for over 10 years. He currently works with the State Advisory Services team and has previously worked in the state audits, procured audits, and local advisory services divisions of the State Board of Accounts. For seven years he specialized in providing services to schools and townships. Chase and his wife Rebecca recently welcomed the birth of their daughter, Esther, in January. He enjoys golfing, cheering for the Pacers, kayaking, and board games.