



OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

77 SOUTH HIGH STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

NEWSLETTER

-- March Issue --

2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

March 31st

-- visit the website for your application --
<http://www.oia.homestead.com/oia.html>

2-FOR-1 LUNCH SPECIAL

-- May 31st, 2006 --

All OIA members are encouraged to bring a non-member guest to the meeting. If you do, OIA will pick up the lunch tab for your guest. *What a great way to boost membership and to build our network!*

The featured speaker for the meeting will be Tim Prichard. Visit the [Speakers & Topics](#) link on the left of the website for more details.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo --

Members:

It was nice to see those of you who attended the January meeting. Thank you to Don Petit for his excellent presentation about the Legislative Inspector General's Office. Our featured speaker for next Wednesday's meeting is Rick Colliver who works Global Security for Scott's Miracle Gro Company and is a professor at the University of Findlay. Rick will explore the topic of workplace violence and threat assessment investigations.

The annual Fraud Conference is scheduled for May 23-24, 2006 at the Hilton Easton. Because our meeting conflicted with this popular conference we have changed our meeting date to May 31, 2006. Please mark your calendar and invite a friend to come to the meeting with you. OIA is hosting a 2-for-1 special at the May 31st meeting, as referenced above. Be sure to visit www.oia.homestead.com/oia.html for more information about speakers, topics, training opportunities and more.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2006 --

March	22 nd
May	31 st (2-for-1 lunch special)
July	26 th
September	27 th
November	8 th
December	9 th (Holiday Banquet)

February	9 th 2007 (OIA + ACFE training)

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NOTE: Please contact any OIA Officer if you would like more details about getting involved and holding a committee chair.

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OIA MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Johnnie L. Butts Jr.
Position: Chief of Investigations
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit -
Ohio Attorney General's Office

OIA Membership: Since 2005

1995 - Present with State of Ohio

John L. Butts oversees all investigations related to allegations of Medicaid fraud and patient abuse and neglect. John is responsible for assuring the processing of allegations, the quality of the investigations, the allocation of resources, and the training of staff. The office criminally prosecutes those who commit Medicaid fraud and recovers the funds whenever possible.

John was previously the head of the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Prevention Division (FWAP) in the State Auditor's office. John and the division focused on identifying and preventing fraud, waste and abuse in public assistance programs. The division received recognition for performing a variety of audits involving data matching, data mining and operational reviews and for returning more than \$16 million in overpayments to the Ohio treasury.

1973 - 1995 with GAO

Prior to coming to the Auditor's office, John was the Assistant Regional Manager for Operations with the Cincinnati Regional Office of the U.S. General Accounting Office now renamed the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). In this position he handled the budget, training and operational activities related to three offices (Cincinnati, Dayton and Indianapolis) and a staff of 125. His prior GAO work included a number of interesting projects such as—inventorying gold at Fort Knox, assessing some military needs in Panama, and meeting with various congressional staffs to discuss projects of interest.

John is a graduate of Mississippi Valley State University, a Viet Nam Air Force veteran, and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is also active in his church and in researching his family history and family event planning.

AGENCY PROFILE

U.S. Office of the Inspector General -
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) became statutory with the signing of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452).

OIG promotes the integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs and operations to assist the Department in meeting its mission by detecting and preventing waste, fraud, and abuse and seeks administrative sanctions, civil recoveries, and/or criminal prosecution of those responsible for waste, fraud, and abuse in HUD programs and operations.

OIG accomplishes this by:

- Conducting independent and objective audits, investigations, and other activities relevant to the HUD mission.
- Keeping the Secretary, Congress and the American public fully and currently informed.
- Working collaboratively with HUD staff and program participants to ensure success of HUD program goals.

Recent headlines in The Columbus Dispatch documented one of OIG's successful investigations that determined "The Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority improperly spent more than \$500,000 on a new building instead of helping the poor, federal housing." This investigation "concluded that the county agency improperly transferred the money to a related nonprofit agency, and then tried to hide the transaction."

How to contact the OIG-HUD:

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