

ISABEL MERCEDES CUMMING

Inspector General
Baltimore City

Isabel Mercedes Cumming is the Inspector General of Baltimore City, she is the first woman and Latina to ever be named to the post in January of 2018. The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has flourished under her leadership having quadrupled the number of hotline complaints, achieving independence for the office and successfully growing the office from six to seventeen employees. The OIG has taken over both the Ethics and the Whistleblower functions in Baltimore City. The OIG has had numerous high-profile cases and the OIG was able to achieve over eleven million dollars of documented savings or waste for the citizens of Baltimore under her tenure. In 2019, she was elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Inspector Generals and served as the Chair of the Nominations committee.

For six years prior, she was the Assistant Inspector General of Investigations for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority system overseeing 200 reports of investigation and a team of fourteen. Previously she was the Chief of the Economic Crimes/Special Prosecutions Unit of the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office for over seven years. She started one of the first mortgage fraud units in the nation. Prior she was with the Economic Crimes Unit of Baltimore City for over four years handling hundreds of white-collar crime cases including identity theft, embezzlement and arson. For over six years she was an Assistant State Prosecutor with the Maryland State Prosecutor's Office handling high profile cases of elected officials throughout Maryland.

Ms. Cumming began her legal career at the United States Attorney's Office as a law clerk where she specialized in investigating white-collar crimes. Prior she was the Director of Internal Audit for American National Bank in Baltimore for over seven years. She began her career with KPMG Peat Marwick in Baltimore as an auditor in 1984.

Ms. Cumming was named the Certified Fraud Fighter of the Year in 2006 and the first Top Fraud Fighter in Maryland in 2004 by the ACFE. She was named a Top 100 Women in Maryland three times by the Daily Record and recently a "Leader in Law". She traveled to Amman, Jordan where she taught White Collar Prosecution to fifty judges and lawyers for the *Rule of Law* program. She is both a Certified Inspector General and Certified Fraud Examiner. She previously taught Principles of Fraud Examination at the University of Baltimore and served on the Dean's Advisory Committee for the Law School for over a decade. She earned an undergraduate degree in accounting from James Madison University, a master's degree in Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate (law) degree with honors from the University of Baltimore. She is married with four sons, one spoiled rescue cat and lives in Baltimore City.

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