

Patra Liu
Deputy Inspector General & General Counsel
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Patra Liu has actively participated in the inspector general community since 2000, when she joined the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG). She currently holds the position of Deputy IG & General Counsel, but throughout her OIG career has been involved in all facets of the OIG operation.

Patra started in the OIG as a Special Agent investigating cases of paving contractor fraud and contractor fronting. By 2001, she became the Legal Counsel. In 2002, she was promoted to Assistant IG/Legal Counsel and the Audit and Administrative Units were added to her portfolio. As the chief legal advisor to the Inspector General, she oversaw all outgoing public reports (both investigative and audit reports). In the mid-2000's, she developed the position of Contract Oversight Specialist as a specialty discipline housed within the Audit Unit. In her role as Assistant IG, she coordinated the audit and contract oversight activities with the Investigations Unit. In addition, she oversaw the administrative operations of the office, including the office's finances, purchases, annual budget, dissemination of reports, and compilation of performance measures. In 2015, Patra's title was reclassified to General Counsel, and the Contract Oversight function was merged into the OIG's Legal Unit. In 2021, she was promoted to the position of Deputy IG & General Counsel and currently oversees the Audit Unit (consisting of two supervisors and four auditors), Contract Oversight Unit (consisting of one supervisor and three contract oversight specialists), and the Legal Unit (consisting of a Deputy General Counsel and three attorneys).

Patra has been actively engaged with the Association of Inspectors General (AIG) since 2001 when the Miami-Dade County OIG hosted an AIG conference. In 2005, when the Miami-Dade County OIG again held the national conference, Patra was heavily involved in organizing and hosting all aspects of the event.

In 2005 – 2006, Patra was the main proponent spearheading the adoption of a Code of Ethics for the AIG. In 2006, she was elected to the AIG's Board of Directors. Patra has been a frequent lecturer for the Investigator and Auditor Certification Institutes, and has led one peer review. In 2012, at the request of the AIG President, Patra accepted the challenge of chairing the Strategic Planning Committee, which resulted in Strategic Plan adopted in November 2014, and will require updating in the near future.

Prior to joining the OIG, Patra was a prosecutor in the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, Economic Crimes Unit, and a Florida Assistant Attorney General in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. She earned her law degree from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. Patra became a Certified Inspector General (CIG) in 2003 and earned the designation of Certified Inspector General Auditor (CIGA) in 2009. She is scheduled to attend the AIG Certified IG Inspector/Evaluator course this August in Jacksonville.

Patra stepped off the AIG Board at the end of 2017, but still stayed active in AIG activities, namely serving as the inaugural chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. In the fall of 2019, she was elected back to serve on the Board, and she is currently a member of the Integrity & Ethics Committee. Patra would like to continue her service on the AIG's Board of Directors and, as such, this biography is being submitted in order to seek election to the Board.



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