

## Orice Williams Brown Biography

Orice Williams Brown became Acting Comptroller General of the U.S. Government Accountability Office on December 30, 2025, succeeding Gene L. Dodaro, who appointed her upon the end of his term. Orice will serve in this position until the President nominates and the Senate confirms a successor from a list of candidates proposed by the Congress.

Prior to this, Orice served as GAO's Chief Operating Officer, the number two leadership position in the agency. She assisted the Comptroller General in providing agency leadership and vision. She was also responsible for day-to-day management to ensure that GAO effectively supports Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities. Orice oversaw the development of hundreds of reports and testimonies to Congress each year. These and other GAO initiatives provide critical information for decision making, save the taxpayers billions of dollars, and improve a wide range of government programs and services.



Orice also served as the Managing Director for Congressional Relations at GAO from 2017-2021. She oversaw the receipt of the hundreds of requests from the Congress and statutory requirements for reports that come to GAO every year and supported the Executive Committee's decisions about accepting and assigning them. She and her team worked directly with Congressional Committees and Members as the liaison between GAO mission teams and staff offices and the Congress.

Additionally, Orice was the Managing Director in the Financial Markets and Community Investment Team from 2011 to 2017. She oversaw GAO's engagements on a variety of crosscutting public policy issues, including housing and financial regulatory oversight, agency operations and management, consumer/investor protection, small business programs, insurance industry oversight, and Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program. She has testified numerous times before House and Senate Committees. Particularly notable was her team's work surrounding the 2007-2009 financial crisis, when Orice led the production of dozens of reports required by the Dodd-Frank Consumer and Financial Protection Act and provided important information, insights, and recommendations for this crisis.

Orice has also served as GAO's lead on the Financial Regulatory Reform and Modernization Working Group created by the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (2016-2017). The goal of the group is to foster collaboration and information sharing among supreme audit institutions internationally on issues related to financial regulatory oversight.

Orice has worked for GAO for over 35 years. She began as an entry-level evaluator in the General Government Division and quickly progressed through the ranks to hold one of the highest and most trusted positions in the agency. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Business Administration from Virginia Tech. She has won numerous honors throughout her career, including the 2023 Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership, 2009 and 2017 Comptroller General's Awards, and the 2013 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal for Career Achievement for her decades of work overseeing financial regulators. She has been a National Academy of Public Administration fellow since 2018.