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In 1997, Ms. Derby rejoined GAO where she has been engaged in audits of improper payments at large federal agencies. Her audits of government purchase card use at the Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development identified fraudulent, improper, and questionable purchases totaling about \$2 million.

Ms. Derby is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. She enjoys spending her spare time boating with her friends and family.