

Gaston L. Gianni, Jr.

Biography

Gaston L. Gianni was nominated by President Clinton on December 20, 1995, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 29, 1996, as the first presidentially appointed Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). He was sworn into office on April 29, 1996. As the Inspector General, he heads an independent organization responsible for the audit, evaluation, and investigation of all FDIC programs and operations. Mr. Gianni leads and coordinates the Office of Inspector General's efforts; recommends actions to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness in corporate programs and operations; and works to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in corporate activities.

Prior to becoming Inspector General, Mr. Gianni was a Senior Executive at the General Accounting Office (GAO). Mr. Gianni served at GAO for over 31 years. During that time he held a variety of GAO positions with responsibilities for audits and evaluations for a number of other government agencies, including the Department of Justice (law enforcement programs), Department of Labor (employment and training programs), and Department of Transportation (highway programs).

When the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) was created in August 1989, the Comptroller General designated Mr. Gianni to head a new group to develop GAO's overall strategy for auditing and evaluating the RTC. In this capacity, Mr. Gianni issued numerous reports on RTC's activities and testified on several occasions before the House and Senate Banking Committees.

Mr. Gianni was born in Steubenville, Ohio, on August 12, 1942, and raised in Weirton, West Virginia. He is a graduate of the former College of Steubenville (now the Franciscan University of Steubenville) in Steubenville, Ohio, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 1964. In addition, he completed Pennsylvania State University's Executive Management Program and Harvard University's Kennedy School Executive Fellows Program.

As a presidentially appointed Inspector General, he is a member of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and in May 1999 was selected to serve as Vice Chair of the Council. From November 1997 to May 1999 he served as Chair of the Council's Audit Committee. In December 1998 he was appointed to the Comptroller General's Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book) for a 3-year term. He is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants, Association of Government Accountants and the Institute of Internal Auditors, where he is a Certified Government Audit Professional (CGAP) and serves as a member on its Government Relations and Membership Committees. From 1964 until 1970 he served in the District of Columbia National Guard. He and his wife, Sue, reside in Prince William County, Virginia, and have one son, two daughters, and nine grandchildren.