Join LIFT for a dynamic discussion with a panel of distinguished leaders from the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC), on their experiences in leading and developing new initiatives. The panel discussion will provide valuable insights on leadership, and will touch on team building in entirely virtual environments.

PANELISTS:

MICHAEL HOROWITZ
DOJ OIG
Inspector General
PRAC
Committee Chair

ROBERT A WESTBROOKS
PRAC
Executive Director

PAUL K MARTIN
NASA OIG
Inspector General
PRAC
Committee Vice Chair

REHANA MOHAMMED
PRAC
Associate Director for Transparency
Michael Horowitz was confirmed as Inspector General for the Department of Justice (DOJ) by the U.S. Senate on March 29, 2012. He was sworn in as the fourth confirmed Inspector General on April 16, 2012.

As Inspector General, Mr. Horowitz oversees a nationwide workforce of more than 400 special agents, auditors, inspectors, attorneys, and support staff whose mission is to detect and deter waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct in DOJ programs and personnel, and to promote economy and efficiency in Department operations.

Mr. Horowitz most recently worked as a partner at Cadwalader, Wickersham, & Taft LLP, where he focused his practice on white collar defense, internal investigations, and regulatory compliance. He also was a board member of the Ethics Resource Center and the Society for Corporate Compliance and Ethics. From 2003 to 2009, Mr. Horowitz served as a Presidentially appointed and Senate confirmed Commissioner on the U.S. Sentencing Commission. As Commissioner, he was instrumental in rewriting the guidelines for corporate compliance programs, and for fraud, antitrust, intellectual property, and money laundering offenses.

Mr. Horowitz previously worked for DOJ in the Criminal Division at Main Justice from 1999 to 2002, first as Deputy Assistant Attorney General and then as Chief of Staff. Prior to joining the Criminal Division, he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1991 to 1999. From 1997 to 1999, Mr. Horowitz was the Chief of the Public Corruption Unit, and from 1995 to 1997, he was a Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division. In 1995, he was awarded the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service for his work on a complex police corruption investigation.

Before joining the DOJ, Mr. Horowitz was an associate at Debevoise & Plimpton and clerked for Judge John G. Davies of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Mr. Horowitz earned his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School and his Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, from Brandeis University.
Paul K Martin
Inspector General

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Office of Inspector General (NASA OIG)

Paul Martin was confirmed by the United States Senate as National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) OIG Inspector General on Nov. 20, 2009.

Prior to his NASA appointment, Mr. Martin served as the Deputy Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Justice OIG. In that capacity, he assisted the Inspector General in managing the audit, inspection and investigative activities of the office’s 425 employees. From 2001 to 2003, he served as Counselor to the Inspector General, and from 1998 to 2001, he served as Special Counsel to the Inspector General.

Before joining the Department of Justice OIG, Mr. Martin spent 13 years at the U.S. Sentencing Commission in a variety of positions, including 6 years as the Commission’s Deputy Staff Director. Mr. Martin was one of the Sentencing Commission’s first employees when the agency was created in 1985, and helped develop the first set of federal sentencing guidelines.

Mr. Martin began his professional career as a reporter with The Greenville News, a daily newspaper in Greenville, S.C. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from The Pennsylvania State University and a Juris Doctor from The Georgetown University Law Center.

Mr. Martin is married to Rebekah Liu, an attorney working in Washington, DC. A native of Pittsburgh, PA, he and his wife have three daughters.
Robert A. Westbrooks
Executive Director
Pandemic Response Accountability Committee

Robert A. Westbrooks was appointed Executive Director of the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) on April 27, 2020. Mr. Westbrooks has spent 26 years in public service focusing on accountability and anti-fraud activities, serving the last 5 years as Inspector General for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation conducting independent oversight, audits, and investigations to help protect the retirement benefits of 35 million American workers and retirees.

A former U.S. postal inspector, Mr. Westbrooks has served in leadership roles in several federal oversight agencies including the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) OIG, U.S. Department of Transportation OIG, U.S. Postal Service OIG, and National Archives and Records Administration OIG. At the SBA OIG, Mr. Westbrooks served as Deputy Inspector General and acting Assistant Inspector General for Audits.

Mr. Westbrooks is an attorney, certified public accountant, certified internal auditor, certified information systems auditor, and spent 21 years as a federal criminal investigator. From 2016 to 2020, Mr. Westbrooks served as chair of the CIGIE Professional Development Committee and as a member of the CIGIE Executive Council. He is a frequent speaker and author on the topics of oversight, enterprise risk management, and leadership.
Rehana Mohammed is a passionate public servant and leader in DC focused on transparency, public policy, and equity. She is the Associate Director for Transparency at the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC). At the PRAC, Ms. Mohammed leads transparency efforts for the over $5 Trillion in federal pandemic relief spending. Her team manages PandemicOversight.gov, the government’s authoritative source for information about spending and oversight related to the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Before joining the PRAC, Ms. Mohammed was Director of Program Development at the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), where she managed data analytics, IT, project management, knowledge management, and strategic communications for the Rural Health Care program. She previously served as a Policy Analyst and Presidential Management Fellow at the Office of Management and Budget in the Executive Office of the President where she led implementation of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act).

In her free time, Ms. Mohammed also serves as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in Washington, DC, and Chair of the Board of Directors at The DC Center for the LGBT Community. She holds a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. She is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). Ms. Mohammed lives in Washington, DC, with her wife and two cats.