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Debra Ritt is currently the Assistant Inspector General for Auditing at the Small Business Administration, a post she has held since June 2006. She has also chaired the Contracting Committee of the Federal Audit Executive Council since March 2008.

Ms. Ritt was named the second Inspector General for the Smithsonian Institution on March 7, 2005. Prior to this appointment she served as the Assistant Inspector General for Surface and Maritime Programs at the Department of Transportation. While in that position, she led several fraud initiatives involving industry groups, state auditors, and the law enforcement community, and worked with congressional staff on legislation to combat diesel fuel tax evasion.

Ms. Ritt also held a number of executive-level positions at the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (1997-2000) and the Government Accountability Office (1974-1997), including Assistant Inspector General (AIG) for Audit and Business Operations and Deputy AIG for eBusiness at the Postal Service. She also chaired the Federal Audit Executive Council of the Audit Committee for the Federal Inspector General community. Ms. Ritt holds a bachelor's degree from George Mason University and is a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor, and Certified Government Auditing Professional.

Ms. Ritt resides in Centerville, Virginia, with her husband and two sons.