

Charles Young — Managing Director, Public Affairs

Charles “Chuck” Young brought more than 20 years of experience in media, government, and communications to GAO in 2007. At GAO Mr. Young leads all communications efforts for this large Congressional agency including serving as agency spokesperson and top communications advisor to the Comptroller General of the United States, the head of the GAO.

Mr. Young also supervises a public affairs staff of five, serves as primary point of contact for major national print and broadcast journalists covering GAO reports and testimonies, oversees development of the agency’s internet presence, and spearheads all major communications initiatives. he has led GAO’s efforts to utilize new technologies such as YouTube and Twitter in agency communications.

Prior to GAO, Mr. Young spent nearly five years in the private sector working for two communications consulting firms: The Brunswick Group and Chlopak, Leonard, Schechter, and Associates (CLS). At both firms, he advised clients on communications issues.

Prior to that, Mr. Young spent six years on Capitol Hill, serving as Chief of Staff for two members of Congress. He directed all aspects of their offices from communications to strategic planning.

Mr. Young also spent a decade in the media, serving as a reporter or editor for newspapers, television stations, and radio stations. He also ran his own public relations consulting business in New Jersey and taught college journalism courses in Boston.

Mr. Young holds a Master’s Degree in Mass Communications and a B.A. in Political Science.