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Susan A. Edwards currently serves as the Chief Counsel to the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG).

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