
T. March Bell

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The Honorable Thomas March Bell was confirmed by the Senate as the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG) on December 18, 2025. He was sworn in on December 22, 2025.

IG Bell oversees OIG’s workforce of approximately 1,370 auditors, evaluators, investigators, data analysts, attorneys, and other professionals to achieve OIG’s mission and goals. HHS agencies administered more than 100 programs amounting to approximately \$2.8 trillion in federal taxpayer funding in Fiscal Year 2025. IG Bell’s staff provides necessary and independent oversight to these programs through investigations, audits, and evaluations that detect misconduct, deter waste, fraud, and abuse, and promote economy and efficiency.

Over the course of five decades of public service, IG Bell has consistently used investigative, legal, and law enforcement authorities to protect the vulnerable, bring bad actors to justice, and bolster accountability. IG Bell’s career spans the Federal Legislative and Executive Branches, as well as State Government.

IG Bell’s previous tenure with HHS included executive-level work on policy, administrative rulemaking, and law enforcement with a substantial focus on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and Federal contracting. His professional accomplishments include leading an extensive investigation that produced a significant congressional committee report; designing and implementing the plan for a presidentially directed anti-trafficking initiative; and successfully conducting complex investigations and prosecutions of wrongdoers engaged in complicated financial schemes to fund organized crime and terrorism.

IG Bell earned his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Covenant College and a Juris Doctor from Pepperdine Law School.

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