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Prior to joining NSF-OIG in 2006, Ms. Rainey spent 14 years with the Department of Defense's OIG, most recently as an Audit Technical Specialist in the Audit Policy and Oversight office. While working out of the agency's Philadelphia field office and Arlington headquarters, her assignments included financial and program audits of Defense agencies, classified acquisition programs, and payroll systems; development of audit policy; oversight of A-133 audits; and quality assurance reviews of Defense internal audit organizations. In addition to multiple achievement awards, Ms. Rainey received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service in June 2000 in recognition of her efforts to ensure the Department's successful "Y2K" transition.

Ms. Rainey entered Federal service in 1984 with the Army Finance Office in Heidelberg, Germany. Her career has taken her all around the world, from the depths of meat lockers in Florida to the tops of oil storage tanks in Japan, and she spent one memorable summer working as a groundskeeper at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY.

Ms. Rainey received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Saint Bonaventure University in 1991. She became a Certified Internal Auditor in 1995 and a Certified Fraud Examiner in 1996. Ms. Rainey is a member of several professional organizations, a candidate for profession to the Secular Franciscan Order, and has volunteered her time with the Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue and various church ministries. She resides with her family in Arlington, Virginia.