

Rudy Payan retired in August 2010 from the U.S. Governmental Accountability Office (GAO) as the Denver Field Office Manager, a position he held for 10 years. During that time he was responsible for examining organizational and operational issues and proposing ways to improve the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of the Denver Field Office. Rudy also served on several GAO-wide task forces and represented the agency at public sector, federal, state, and local government activities. Prior to that, Rudy worked at GAO as an evaluator, conducting reviews of the effectiveness of existing and proposed federal programs, such as allocation of limited water resources, use of public lands, automation of the U.S. Postal Service, and oversight of military service academies.

Before coming to GAO, Rudy was the Executive Director of the Latin American Research and Services Agency (LARASA), where he was responsible for the overall operations and management of the non-profit United Way Funded agency that conducted research on Hispanic-related issues. Rudy also worked as a management specialist for the U.S. Legal Services Corporation, where he was responsible for conducting internal audits of 20 programs that provided legal services to communities in the southwest region of the U.S.

As GAO Denver's Field Office Manager, Rudy worked closely with the Office of the Denver City Auditor to host the 2010 and 2004 Mountain and Plains Intergovernmental Audit Forums.

Rudy holds a Masters of Public Administration (MPA), and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science, both from the University of Colorado-at-Boulder. He obtained a Certificate in Mediation from the University of Colorado-at-Denver, and has served as a pro-bono mediator for the city and county of Denver, and Jefferson County. Rudy was a member of the Denver Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Denver" Class of 2005 during which time he learned about important issues facing the metropolitan area.

Rudy grew up in Denver and he and wife Jamelyn continue to live in southwest Denver. They enjoy traveling whenever her work permits. Rudy also enjoys many activities such as golf, tennis, biking and hiking.