How long have you been in the audit field?

"I started my career conducting internal audits in 1987. My first audit was an operational audit, with system impacts. This led to my interest in IT Auditing, and I pursued an entry level position at SRP. My accounting and systems background helped me be successful, and I was sought out for many interesting and critical assignments over the next three decades. It has also been my blessing to work in a supervisory level, leading others in their development as internal auditors."
How large is your audit shop?

We have 17 team members, each with varying levels of experience and a specific role. All of our professionals are required to have a core level of Information Technology audit skillsets, along with commensurate financial, operational, and compliance skillsets. In this way, we have formed over time a team of highly competent integrated auditors that can address all risks relevance to the audit.

What does it take to be a successful CAE?

"Three attributes come to mind. The first is having a sense for what is relevant. The second is the ability to leverage principles of change in improving an organization. And third, an intense desire and competency to work with people. It all comes down to the people. In addition, I believe courage is required. The CAE is most successful if he or she is “going against the grain” from time to time. It takes courage to do this and to follow through with actions that raise and resolve issues."