

Butch Stilwell brings over 14 years' experience as a State employee to his internal auditing career. He began his tenure with the Department of Revenue, concurrently returning to school to study accounting and business. He subsequently accepted an accounting position with the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) and performed accounting and procurement functions for the Department of Public Health.

In 2015, Butch's passion for internal auditing was sparked during a course at UIS taught by Prof. Carol Jessup, whose enthusiasm for the profession left a lasting impression. In 2017, Butch returned to CMS to join what was then the Division (now Bureau) of Internal Audit (BIA). Over the next six years, he gained experience auditing several operational and program areas and assumed greater lead worker and supervisory responsibilities. In 2023, Butch became the Chief Internal Auditor for CMS. He enjoys the collaborative and collegial aspects of internal auditing and strives to establish strong, trusting relationships with his auditees, colleagues, and other stakeholders. His B.A. in Psychology has proven surprisingly relevant, equipping him with insights that enhance his approach to communication and leadership in the field.

Butch was instrumental in the development of BIA's Internal Auditor Trainee and statewide training programs. As a trusted trainer, advisor, and mentor, he has trained multiple CMS auditors and presented on several State-specific and soft-skill audit topics. Additionally, the Bureau offers a career path for aspiring auditors. He and other senior internal audit leaders at CMS continuously strive to improve the program in an effort to train up tomorrow's State internal audit leaders.