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Since 2010, Mr. Jason Branch has served as Chief of Data Analytics at the U.S. Army Audit Agency (USAAA), where he leads efforts to transform auditing through advanced data analytics. He oversees a team that supports audit teams by obtaining and analyzing data, conducting enterprise-wide data mining to identify risks, and driving the agency's adoption of continuous auditing and predictive analytics. His team also trains auditors in analytic techniques, ensuring the agency remains at the forefront of innovation.

Jason is a recognized leader in using analytics to support fraud-focused audits. Since 2007, his team has proactively applied forensic audit techniques and analytics to identify risks and safeguard Army resources. Their work has supported hundreds of criminal convictions, administrative actions, and the termination of programs, employees, and contracts. These efforts have strengthened accountability and protected Army operations.

In 2023, Jason and his team implemented a cloud-based analytics platform to support audits across all Army functional areas and enable collaborative enterprise data mining. Under his leadership, the team deployed continuous auditing analytics powered by artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and Generative AI, revolutionizing the agency's ability to detect risks and improve decision-making.

Jason began his career with USAAA as a student intern in 2000. After joining full-time, he worked on the Environmental, Force Protection, and Contracting audit teams and completed a two-year assignment with the analytics team. He later volunteered to support the agency in Southwest Asia, where he conducted contract audits and assisted investigations that uncovered one of the largest procurement frauds in Army history.

Jason holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore. He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and an ACL Certified Data Analyst. With over two decades of experience, Jason remains dedicated to advancing USAAA's mission through data-driven solutions and transformative technologies.

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