7:30–8:30  Continental breakfast and sign-in for CPE
8:30–8:45  Welcome: Doug Ewald, KPMG LLP
8:45–10:25  Keynote Speaker: “Hot Topics in a World of Risk for Accountants and Auditors,” Larry Bradley
10:25–10:45  Break
10:45–12:25  Ethics Speaker: “Low Man on the Totem Pole,” Helen Sharkey
12:25–12:30  Closing Remarks: Susan Eldridge, Accounting Department Chair

Larry Bradley
Larry Bradley is Global Head of Audit for KPMG and a member of the global management team. During Bradley’s 31 years with KPMG, he has been an SEC reviewing partner and has chaired the partnership committee and the compensation and pension committee of the KPMG U.S. Board of Directors. His extensive international experience includes four years based in Europe in the U.S. Capital Markets Group working on initial stock exchange listings, cross-border transactions and public offerings for major European companies. Bradley represents KPMG on the Global Public Policy Council’s audit panel and on the International Reporting Council (IIRC). He earned his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, is licensed in New York, Connecticut and Nebraska, and resides in Connecticut.

Helen Sharkey
Helen Sharkey was hired as an accountant in 1996 by Dynegy, an up-and-coming energy trading company in Houston. In 2003, she pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit securities fraud. Sharkey spent 28 days in a maximum-security federal prison as a consequence of her involvement in Dynegy’s “Project Alpha,” a $300 million structured finance transaction team. Today, she speaks about her experience with brutal honesty and without a trace of self pity—from her excitement when she landed the “dream job” at Dynegy to dismay as she began to doubt the ethics of what they were doing. She describes her gut-wrenching fear, her struggle with the decision to plead guilty, the shame of being branded a felon, and her time behind bars. She also delivers a message of hope—even when things are darkest, never lose sight of the light at the end.