LAURA ROCHELLE RAGIN, MBA

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Finance executive with more than 25 years of progressive experience in accounting, financial reporting, compliance, and operational improvement across higher education, government, and nonprofit environments.

Brings an executive-level view of complex financial operations while making financial information understandable and useful to leaders, boards, and teams. At the University of Colorado Boulder, supported approximately $1.2 billion in annual financial activity and oversaw a $5 million departmental budget.

Known for seeing the big picture, identifying what needs attention, and creating practical paths from financial information to better decisions.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Laura Rochelle LLC	Founder, Author, and Speaker	2020-Present
University of Colorado, Boulder	Assistant Vice Chancellor and Controller	2015-2020
University of Colorado, Boulder	Campus Controller	2012-2015
University of Colorado, Boulder	Director of Accounting and Business Support	2005-2012
Alabama A&M University	Comptroller	2001-2005
Alabama Cooperative Extension (AAMU)	Financial Analyst and Reporting Specialist	1997-2001
Lockheed Martin Energy Systems	Travel Accounting Supervisor	1994-1997
Lockheed Martin Energy Systems	Policy and Procedures Analyst (Accounting)	1992-1994

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Built a campus financial compliance unit from the ground up, creating dedicated support for stronger financial accountability, policy interpretation, and compliance. Across a 15-year tenure, financial audit findings were rare.
- Restructured and rebranded the campus central accounting department to improve how it operated and served the campus. Established performance measures and employee career paths, strengthened training, and improved communication with campus departments.
- Redesigned the year-end campus financial meeting to make complex financial information more useful, understandable, and engaging for campus participants. Attendance roughly doubled.
- Led significant change within the administrative operations supporting a $300 million-plus research enterprise. The work addressed organizational culture, employee development, operating processes, and infrastructure.
- Restructured a university accounting function to correct deficiencies in the processing, analysis, and reporting of financial information.
- Reorganized travel accounting workflows and introduced a statistical-sampling audit process, enabling a five-person team to process approximately 30,000 domestic and international expense reports annually while maintaining appropriate financial review. The redesigned workflows increased productivity and effectiveness while improving staff morale.
- As a nonprofit board and Finance Committee member, helped evaluate and transition the organization to a new outsourced accounting firm. The change improved financial accuracy, reporting, and Finance Committee oversight.

LICENSES & EDUCATION

- Master of Business Administration- Finance and Accounting - Regis University
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Accounting - University of Colorado Boulder