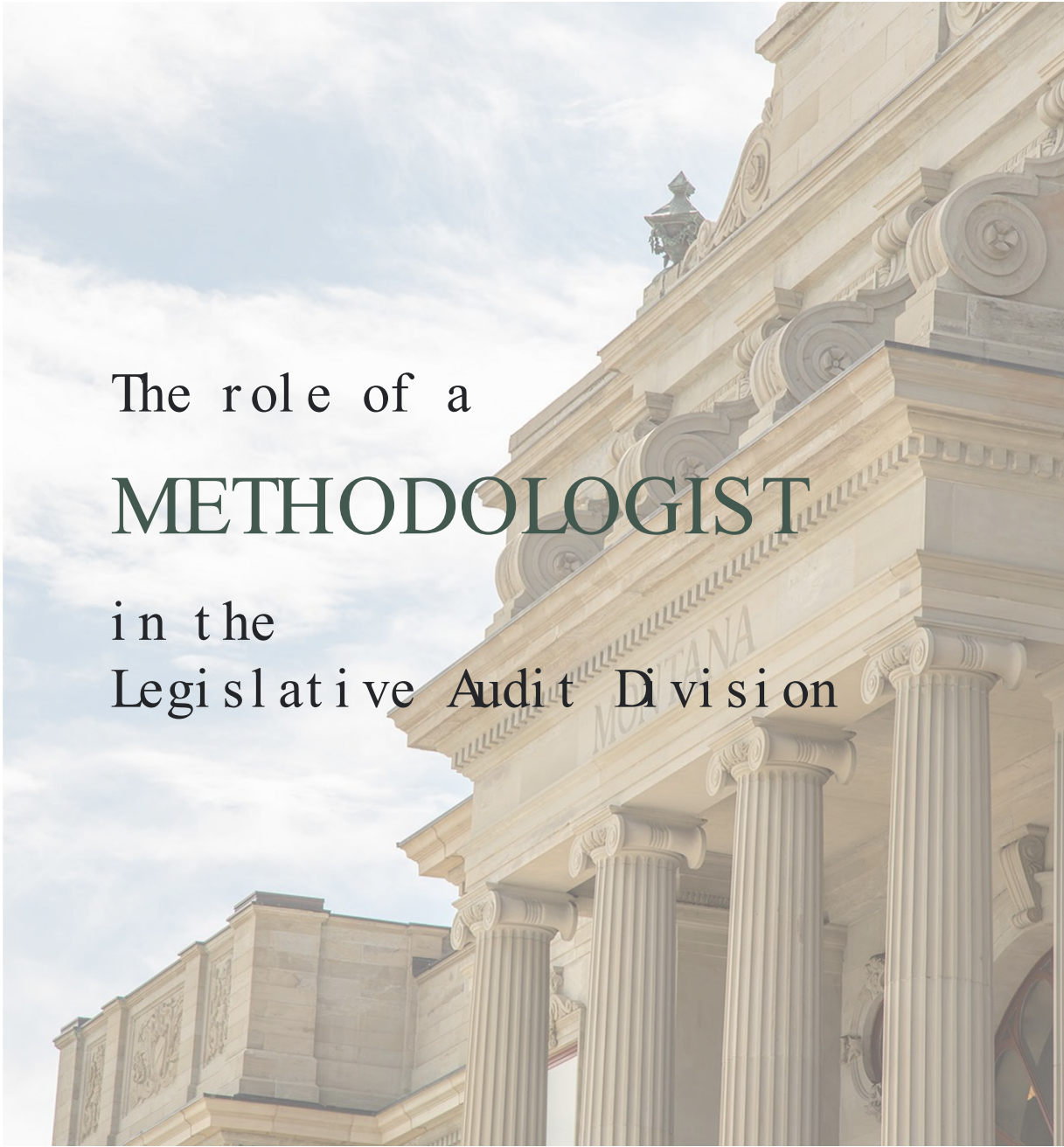


Good morning



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I joined LAD as a performance auditor in June 2014 with a Master's in Statistics from Montana State University. My performance audit work included analyses in various areas, such as corrections, Medicaid program integrity, and state enterprise services. I became LAD's first ever Methodologist in January 2024.



The role of a
METHODOLOGIST
in the
Legislative Audit Division



What is a Methodologist?



What will it look like in LAD?



Why is it important?



What is a Methodologist?



An individual or organization possessing special skill or knowledge in a particular field other than accounting or auditing that assists auditors in conducting engagements. A specialist may be either an internal specialist or an external specialist.



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What will it look like in LAD?



Research



Audit Plans



Quantitative Techniques



Analytical Tools



Review & validation



Interpretation and Data
Visualization



Training



Advancements in the field

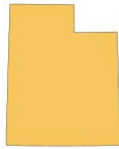
Other states have a methodologist(s) or staff that informally serve as one.



Arizona Auditor General



Louisiana Legislative Auditor



Utah Legislative Auditor



Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and
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Office of the **Washington** State Auditor



Virginia Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission



Why is it important?

ACCURACY

RELIABILITY

VALIDITY