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CFTC Chairman Selig Announces Senior Staff Appointments

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WASHINGTON — Commodity Futures Trading Commission Chairman Michael S. Selig today announced four senior staff appointments in his office.

Brooke Nethercott as Director, Office of Public Affairs

Brooke Nethercott joins the CFTC as director, Office of Public Affairs.

“I’m excited to welcome Brooke to the CFTC as director of public affairs,” Chairman Selig said. “Her extensive congressional experience and commitment to advancing President Trump’s vision for making America the crypto capital of the world will be invaluable as we drive innovation forward.

“I also thank Taylor Foy for his service as acting director of the Office of Public Affairs.”

“It’s an honor to join Chairman Selig’s team at this important moment for emerging technologies,” Nethercott said. “I look forward to supporting the Commission’s pro-innovation agenda and ushering in a Golden Age for our markets.”

Nethercott most recently served as deputy communications director for the House Financial Services Committee under Chairman French Hill (R-Ark.), having previously been Chairman Hill’s communications director. Earlier, she was a senior consultant in strategic communications at FTI Consulting and worked in digital media for WebMD and Pandora Music.

She holds a B.A. in Communication from the University of Hartford.

Emma Johnston as Senior Agriculture Advisor

Emma Johnston joins the CFTC as senior agriculture advisor to the Chairman.

“I’m excited to have Emma join our team here at the CFTC,” Chairman Selig said. “The U.S. agriculture industry is the foundation of this agency. Emma’s expertise will help guide us as we create more efficient and transparent markets for farmers across this great country.”

“I’m thrilled to join Chairman Selig’s team to advise on agricultural issues in our commodity markets,” Johnston said. “It’s an honor to serve the Trump Administration and our nation’s agricultural producers in this role, especially as the CFTC works to increase efficiency and access to risk hedging tools for the agricultural community.”

Johnston joins the CFTC after serving as senior policy advisor to Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), where she managed a portfolio including agriculture, trade, energy, and environment, and supported his work on the Senate Agriculture Committee. She brings nearly a decade of Capitol Hill experience, including roles in the offices of former Sen. David Perdue (R-Ga.) and Rep. Elise Stefanik (NY-21).

A Georgia native, Johnston earned her B.S. in Food Science from the University of Georgia, M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University, and M.B.A. from Indiana University.

Meghan Tente as Senior Advisor

Meghan Tente serves as a senior advisor to the Chairman. Tente has served in multiple leadership roles at the CFTC, including most recently as chief of staff to acting Chairman Caroline D. Pham and acting general counsel. She previously served as acting director of the CFTC's Division of Market Oversight.

Tente joined the CFTC in the Division of Clearing and Risk in 2012 and has worked with exchanges, derivatives clearing organizations, swap data repositories, and market participants on issues ranging from registrations and data reporting to international standards and novel derivatives products.

Tente is a graduate of Brown University and Cornell Law School.

Elizabeth (Libby) Mastrogiacomo as Senior Advisor

Libby Mastrogiacomo serves as a senior advisor to the Chairman. Mastrogiacomo previously served as senior counsel to former CFTC Commissioners Summer Mersinger and Dawn Stump. In those roles, she advised the commissioners on agency rulemakings, enforcement actions, litigation, proposed legislation, examinations of registered entities, and registration applications.

Before joining the CFTC, Mastrogiacomo practiced law in the derivatives group of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. There, she counseled CFTC-registered trading platforms, clearing organizations, swap dealers, and swap data repositories, as well as banks, asset managers, pension funds, and end users of derivatives.

She holds a B.B.A. from the College of William and Mary and a J.D. from The George Washington University Law School.

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