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### **Smith-Free Group Alumna Summer Mersinger Confirmed to the CFTC**

We are pleased to congratulate Smith-Free Group alumna Summer Mersinger on her nomination and U.S. Senate confirmation as a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).



Mersinger joined the Smith-Free Group after over fifteen years working alongside Senator John Thune (R-SD) in both chambers of Congress. More recently, Mersinger served as Chief of Staff for outgoing Commissioner Dawn DeBerry Stump. Previously, she had joined the commission to become Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs during which time she was instrumental in the agency's negotiations with Congress as it sought to re-authorize the CFTC, established in 1975 by the enactment of the Commodity Exchange Act.

We applaud Summer and know she will be a strong asset to the CFTC and their important work to ensure our financial markets and consumers are protected while growing the economy.