

## Bond Dealers of America Announces Hiring of Federal Policy Advisor

**October 29, 2015 – Washington, D.C.** – The Bond Dealers of America is pleased to announce the hiring of Justin Underwood to serve as Federal Policy Advisor, an internal staff position at the BDA. Justin comes to the BDA from FINRA where he served as Regulatory Analyst - Market Regulation, Trading Analysis.

Justin will work in conjunction with current policy staff, Jessica Giroux and John Vahey, to advance member's interests, both among federal regulators and on Capitol Hill. In particular, Justin will be responsible for analyzing federal regulatory and legislative policy and will staff the BDA's newly formed Fixed Income Technology and Operations Committee.

Justin has analyzed trading activity and has experience in monitoring, reviewing and investigating unusual market activity for evidence of violations of relevant rules and regulations enforced by FINRA across NYSE, NASDAQ, and other U.S. stock market exchanges.

"The hiring of Justin to compliment the work Jessica and John are doing to represent our membership at the BDA simply means the BDA is better resourced and more equipped to provide the exceptional representation that we have worked hard to deliver since being founded in 2008," said BDA CEO Mike Nicholas.

## About the Bond Dealers of America

Since its founding in 2008, the Bond Dealers of America has been the Washington, DC based organization that represents securities dealers and banks predominantly focused on the U.S. fixed income markets. The BDA remains the only organization representing the unique interests of national, middle-market dealers. In addition to federal advocacy and formulation of market practice guidelines, the BDA hosts a series of meetings and conferences specific to domestic fixed income, in addition to industry surveys and reports. For more information, visit <u>www.bdamerica.org</u>

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