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Podesta Group Brings On Intellectual Property and Trade Strategist
Cristina Antelo brings years of government relations experience to bipartisan public affairs firm

Kimberley Fritts, Chief Executive Officer of the Podesta Group, today announced that Cristina Antelo, an experienced tax and trade lobbyist, will join the firm as a Principal, where she will handle a diverse range of legislative, regulatory and policy issues. Cristina's areas of expertise include financial services, tax, trade and intellectual property issues.

"Cristina's background brings a unique perspective to our already robust financial services practice," said Fritts. "Cristina has experience in the financial services sector, on the Democratic Steering Committee and in government relations, and she will play a principal role in advocating for clients in what has become one of the fastest growing sectors of our business."

Prior to joining the Podesta Group, Cristina worked with the government affairs practice of a Washington, DC, law firm, where she provided strategic counsel and advocacy to health care, trade and appropriations clients. In addition to working on several Democratic campaigns, Cristina was a Legal Fellow on the Senate Democratic Steering Committee chaired by former Sens. Hillary Clinton and Tom Daschle, where she focused her work on Latino outreach and constituent issues. Cristina is a founding member and Vice President of the Hispanic Lobbying Association and serves on the board of the Hispanic Bar Association of DC Foundation.

Before moving to Washington, DC, to begin her political career, Cristina was an investment banker at Goldman Sachs & Co for several years. She was a financial analyst in the company's private wealth management division in New York with an operational focus on high-net-worth individuals. Her responsibilities included margin account management, compliance with regulatory requirements and reporting. Cristina later joined the trading floor in Los Angeles to gain trading and portfolio management experience and was promoted to associate. She was an NASD (now FINRA) Registered Representative completing her Series 7 and 63 licenses.

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