

**Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.

1. Name: Stephen M. Merkel

2. Organization you represent:
Wholesale Markets Brokers' Association Americas and BGC Partners, Inc.

3. Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee: — See attached Bio

4. Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee: — See attached Bio

5. If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold: See attached Bio

PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM OR YOUR BIOGRAPHY TO EACH COPY OF TESTIMONY.

Biographical Information for Stephen M. Merkel

Stephen M. Merkel is the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of BGC Partners, Inc. (Nasdaq: BGCP) and the Executive Managing Director, General Counsel and Secretary of Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. (“Cantor”). He is also an officer, director, partner and/or shareholder of Cantor, BGCP, and GFI Group Inc, and their respective affiliates. He is also a founding board member of the Wholesale Markets Brokers’ Association, Americas (“WMBAA”), an independent industry association representing the world’s largest interdealer brokers operating in wholesale financial markets. Mr. Merkel’s biography which appears in the BGCP proxy statement is as follows:

Stephen M. Merkel, 57, has been the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of BGC Partners, Inc. (“BGCP”) since September 2001 and was its Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary from June 1999 to September 2001. Mr. Merkel served as a director of BGCP from September 2001 until October 2004. Mr. Merkel has been Executive Managing Director, General Counsel and Secretary of Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. (“Cantor”) since December 2000 and was Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Cantor from May 1993 to December 2000. Prior to joining Cantor, Mr. Merkel was Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of Goldman Sachs & Co. from February 1990 to May 1993. From September 1985 to January 1990, Mr. Merkel was an associate with the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Mr. Merkel is on the supervisory board of the Electronic Liquidity Exchange, and is a founding board member of the Wholesale Markets Brokers’ Association, Americas. Mr. Merkel served as a member of the Board of Directors of GFI Group Inc. (“GFI”) from February 26, 2015 through the closing of the BGCP back-end merger with GFI in January 2016.

Mr. Merkel graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania in 1980 and received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1984.