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Lessons Learned Oral History Project

Steven Adamske

The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) contacted Steven Adamske by email to request an interview regarding his time as Communications Director for the House Financial Services Committee under Chairman Barney Frank and his later work with the Treasury Department under Secretary Timothy Geithner.

Adamske handled communications for issues including the Trouble Asset Relief Program (TARP), the auto industry rescue and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. After Dodd-Frank passed in Congress, he moved to the Treasury Department, where he served as a spokesman for Geithner and specialized in domestic finance issues such as the reform of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the wind down of TARP and implementation of Dodd-Frank.

In 2011, Adamske became Director of Public Affairs at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) as it established rules to exert oversight over swaps markets. After serving four CFTC chairs, Adamske became VP, Head of Communications and Public Affairs at the Financial Industries Association.

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