



21<sup>st</sup> Century Steelmakers

## News Release

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### **Jean Carroll Kemp Named SMA Senior Vice President**

**Washington, D.C.** – The Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA) announced today that Jean Carroll Kemp has joined the trade association as Senior Vice President Government Affairs and Trade Policy. The Washington, D.C. based trade association represents over 75 percent of domestic steelmaking capacity.

Tracy Porter, SMA Chairman and Executive Vice President at Commercial Metals Company said, "Jean has a proven track record of accomplishments in the trade and public policy arena. Jean will help lead the strategic efforts of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Steelmakers of the SMA."

In welcoming Kemp, SMA President Philip K. Bell said, "Jean's experience and character make her uniquely qualified for this role at the SMA. She is a trade policy expert adept at creating solutions to sensitive and complex global challenges facing our industry. She is well respected among domestic and international steel industry stakeholders. We are extremely pleased to have her on board."

Jean comes to the SMA after previously serving in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) as Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Industrial Competitiveness. During her 14 years at USTR, she also served as Director, Industrial Metals, Materials and Energy and as Director, Steel Trade Policy, developing strategies and recommendations for multilateral and bilateral trade agreements and enforcement matters, and leading policy meetings of the OECD, G20 and Global Steel Forum. Jean's work included dispute settlement cases at the World Trade Organization, and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership negotiations on energy and raw materials.

Prior to USTR, Jean spent 16 years at the U.S. Department of Commerce. At Commerce she administered U.S. trade remedy cases and agreements holding increasingly responsible roles from Import Policy Analyst to Program Manager and Senior Policy Advisor.

After graduating from the University of Virginia with a B.A. in International Relations, Jean began her government service in Washington, D.C. as a congressional staffer in the Office of U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski (R-AK).

*SMA is North America's largest steel industry trade association, and the primary association for electric arc furnace steel producers. SMA's 25 producer member companies account for over seventy-five percent of total domestic steelmaking capacity. SMA members have operations in Canada, Mexico, 43 U.S. states and 115 congressional districts. For more information visit SMA's website at [www.steelnet.org](http://www.steelnet.org) or our [Facebook](#) page.*