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## KippsDeSanto & Co. Announces Senior Hire

### *Firm Continues Growth of Aerospace / Defense and Technology Investment Banking Group*

Tysons Corner, VA – January 20, 2016 – Aerospace / Defense and Technology investment bank KippsDeSanto & Co. today announced that Kate Troendle has joined the firm as a Director.

As an experienced industry banker, Ms. Troendle joins KippsDeSanto from Bluestone Capital Partners, where she was a Vice President who played a key role in transaction execution and new business development in the aerospace, defense, and government services industries. Ms. Troendle began her investment banking career within Stifel's Aerospace, Defense & Government Services Group. In her time as an investment banker, Ms. Troendle has supported more than two dozen closed M&A and capital markets transactions. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and holds an M.B.A. from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

"We are excited to add Kate to our growing investment banking team," said Bob Kipps, co-founder and Managing Director of KippsDeSanto. "She brings a significant amount of industry-specific experience in structuring transactions, performing due diligence and advising companies on corporate strategy."

KippsDeSanto & Co. advised on 11 transactions in 2015, including the sales of ForceX to L-3 Communications, Aegis Group to GardaWorld Security Corporation, and Fidelis Cybersecurity Solutions, a business unit of General Dynamics Mission Systems, to Marlin Equity Partners.

### **About KippsDeSanto & Co.**

KippsDeSanto & Co. is an investment bank focused on delivering exceptional results for leading, growth-oriented aerospace / defense and technology companies. We leverage our creativity and industry experience to provide M&A, private financing, and strategic consulting. KippsDeSanto's team has advised on over 100 transactions totaling more than \$10 billion in deal value. Capitalizing on real-time industry trends and in-depth technical and strategic analysis, our solutions-driven approach is highly structured and uniquely tailored to each client. KippsDeSanto is recognized for its market insight and broad industry relationships. We help market leaders realize their full strategic value. KippsDeSanto, member [FINRA/SIPC](#), is not affiliated with other companies mentioned herein. For more information, visit [www.kippsdesanto.com](http://www.kippsdesanto.com).