

Dustin has served in his role as Government Affairs Director at the Triangle Apartment Association since March 2018. As the Government Affairs Director, he is the lead legislative liaison and lobbyist for the Association, and is also in charge of coordinating the activities of the Association's Government Affairs Committee, Political Action Committee, and Independent Expenditure Political Action Committee.

Prior to joining the Triangle Apartment Association, Dustin served as District Manager for Bronx Community Board 7, a municipal government agency charged with encouraging and facilitating the participation of citizens with City government, and the efficient and effective organization of agencies that deliver municipal services in local communities and boroughs. In that role, Dustin advocated on behalf of more than 150,000 constituents before City Hall in addition to serving as a liaison on matters ranging from local budget priorities to local land use matters.

Before joining Community Board 7, Dustin served as Director of Government Relations for Mercury Public Affairs in New York City. As a Director at Mercury, Dustin's primary responsibilities included serving as the lead compliance manager on the firm's lobbying and fundraising activities. Dustin also worked on behalf of a number of clients dealing with legislative and regulatory issues in New York City, providing strategic advice, public relations assistance and lobbying public officials on their behalf.

Dustin started his career with the New York City Council where he last served as Legislative and Communications Director for Council Member Annabel Palma (D-Bronx). In that role, he was responsible for coordinating the Council Member's legislative, communications and political strategy. Dustin also helped manage the legislative and communications affairs for the Committee on General Welfare, which oversees New York City's social service agencies and programs, and helped coordinate capital and expense budget priorities in the district.

During college, Dustin served as a Legislative Intern for then-New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn where he gained experience working on a variety of projects, organizing and staffing community meetings and researching and preparing materials for events sponsored by Speaker Quinn and her colleagues on the City Council. He also served as a Field Manager on a special election for New York City Council in Brooklyn, in addition to volunteering on a number of successful political campaigns across New York City for offices at the City, State and Federal level.

A graduate of Manhattan College, Dustin earned Bachelor's degrees in International Studies and Religious Studies. He also recently completed a certificate program in Professional Fundraising from Boston University. Raised in Kansas, Dustin currently lives with his wife Farah and three daughters in Raleigh.