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## **Integra Telecom Names Karen Clauson Vice President of Law and Policy**

**Minneapolis, Dec. 17, 2008** – Integra Telecom Inc., a leading provider of telecommunications and Internet services for business, promoted Karen Clauson to vice president of law and policy. In this role, Clauson heads up Integra’s law and policy group in Minneapolis and reports to Jeff Oxley, executive vice president and general counsel for Integra Telecom.

“Karen is a natural leader. She is highly respected and appreciated within the legal and regulatory worlds. Karen has been a stellar employee and I am confident that she will continue to excel in her new role.” said Oxley. “Our customers and employees will continue to enjoy the benefits of Karen’s unequalled commitment to excellence.”

Clauson joined Integra Telecom through the company’s acquisition of Eschelon Telecom in 2007 and has served as a director for nine years. She has nearly 20 years of experience in communications and media law, including managing regulatory and policy activities in several states for MCI. Additionally, her legal experience includes seven years with the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney.

Clauson has served as an editorial board member of the ABA’s *Litigation* magazine, she was on the board of the National Television Academy’s Upper Midwest Chapter, and she has served on communications and media bar association committees. Clauson graduated with top honors from the University of Minnesota Law School and was admitted to the Order of the Coif. She earned a master’s degree in communication from Utah State University.

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