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BIOGRAPHY

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Robert M. McDowell is Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of the Competitive Telecommunications Association (CompTel), the principal U.S. industry association representing approximately 340 local, regional, national, and international competitive telecommunications carriers and their suppliers. Mr. McDowell's responsibilities include representing CompTel's member companies before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, state regulatory and legislative entities, and the appellate courts.

Previously, Mr. McDowell served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of America's Carriers Telecommunication Association (ACTA), which merged with CompTel in February, 1999. Mr. McDowell served as ACTA's outside Deputy General Counsel from 1996-1998 while he was with the Washington, D.C.-based telecommunications law firm of Helein & Associates.

Mr. McDowell was graduated *cum laude* from Duke University in 1985. After working a Legislative Assistant to a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, he attended the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. Upon graduation from law school in 1990, Mr. McDowell joined the Washington, D.C. office of the national Cleveland-based law firm of Arter & Hadden.

Mr. McDowell has been extensively involved in civic and political affairs for several years. He has been appointed by the Governor of Virginia to numerous boards and commissions, including the Governor's Advisory Board for a Safe and Drug-Free Virginia, and the Board of Contractors. He also is a veteran of several Presidential campaigns. In 1995, Mr. McDowell ran for the Virginia State Senate.

Mr. McDowell is admitted to practice law before the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Fourth and Fifth Circuits, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He resides in Vienna, Virginia.

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