

PointOne Executive to Lead Fall VON 2005 Debate on Telecom Act Rewrite

AUSTIN, August 15, 2005 – Staci Pies, vice president of governmental and regulatory affairs with PointOne, former FCC official, and current president of the VON Coalition, will lead a distinguished panel of industry experts at Fall VON 2005 in a discussion entitled “Communications Act Rewrite: A Practical Guide to Getting What You Want and Wanting What You Have.” Scheduled for Sept. 19, from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., the panel is part of the Fall VON 2005 Communications Policy Summit.

With the Telecommunications Act of 1996 approaching a 10-year anniversary in February, supporters and opponents can agree on one thing: the dramatic change in applications and technology has caused a restructuring of the communications market place. Given the likelihood that Congress will revisit telecommunications legislation in 2005, panelists at Fall VON 2005 will offer valuable insight into key legislative and regulatory changes that are needed to promote innovation and robust competition, promote universal availability of necessary/essential communications services, and generally improve the safety, security and economic welfare of the United States.

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PointOne's Pies is currently serving as president of the VON Coalition, the leading advocacy organization for companies on the cutting edge of developing and delivering IP-based innovations, and has over 10 years of communications legal and regulatory experience. She joined PointOne in 2004 to help guide the Austin-based VoIP provider through the critical public policy challenges facing the industry and the future of IP communications technologies, services and applications.

Before joining PointOne, Pies served as Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, at Level 3, providing counsel to assist the company in launching its VoIP products. Prior to Level 3, Ms. Pies was Deputy Division Chief, Network Services and senior attorney in the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau, where she served in leadership positions on proceedings promoting the deployment of broadband and information services.

About PointOne

PointOne operates the largest VoIP network in North America. The 100% enhanced services IP network incorporates industry leading, next generation technology end-to-end, coupled with patented, proprietary IP applications and processes. PointOne's class of service quality has

earned the company industry-wide recognition. Additionally, the company is recognized as a 2002 and 2004 Pulver 100 company and was named Internet Telephony 2004 service provider of the year and 2004 Frost and Sullivan "Best Bang for the Buck" VoIP Award. PointOne, established in 1998, is a privately held company headquartered in Austin, Texas. For more information, please visit our website at www.pointone.com or contact us at 512-735-1200.

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