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Steve Nissen is Senior Vice President of Legal & Government Affairs at NBCUniversal. In that capacity, he is primarily responsible for developing and coordinating a comprehensive nationwide state and local government agenda, including anti-piracy, intellectual property protection, tax, digital, broadcast, film production and government compliance. Mr. Nissen also serves on NBCU's Los Angeles Community Affairs Council. In addition to his responsibilities at NBCUniversal, Mr. Nissen is Chair of the Board of the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute, Executive Vice Chair of the Central City Association, Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Police Foundation, and a member of the Board of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA).

Prior to joining NBCUniversal, Mr. Nissen was a partner in the national law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips from 2002 to 2008, representing a wide range of clients, from Fortune 500 companies to nonprofit entities. His practice focused on litigation, land use, nonprofit governance, government affairs, and administrative law work. Mr. Nissen's most recent tenure at the Manatt law firm was his second stint at the firm, having also practiced law as a partner there in the 1980's.

Prior to re-joining Manatt in 2002, Mr. Nissen worked in the Office of the Governor of California in the Administration of Governor Gray Davis. He served as the Governor's Interim Staff Director, as Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and as Senior Special Assistant for Innovation in Government. In those capacities, he oversaw statewide initiatives involving technology, land use, government efficiency and environmental matters, and organized the Governor's Summit on Philanthropy. In addition, Mr. Nissen chaired the Energy Reliability Task Force and the e-Government Task Force, and served as the Governor's liaison to the Blue Ribbon Panel on Hate Groups, chaired by former Secretary of State Warren Christopher and former California Governor George Deukmejian.

Before joining the Governor's staff, Mr. Nissen was Executive Director of the State Bar of California, taking charge in the midst of a political crisis which arose when the Bar lost its legislative funding. He worked closely with then Governor Pete Wilson's office, the California Legislature and the state Supreme Court to restore funding, while at the same time streamlining the Bar to make it more efficient and effective for the state's

consumers of legal services. Prior to his position at the State Bar, Mr. Nissen was Executive Director of Public Counsel Law Center, which he built into the largest pro bono law firm in the United States, and for which he was often recognized, including being honored as Southern California's Professional in Philanthropy, as well as by the American Bar Association, the State Bar of California and the Association of Corporate Counsel. Under his leadership, Public Counsel built a staff of over 40 and a cadre of 10,000 volunteer attorneys providing more than \$200 million worth of legal services to disadvantaged children, the elderly, low-income families, and nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Nissen has continued his commitment to the underprivileged by serving as 2009-2010 Co-Chair of the California Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, as a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, and as a Board Member of Public Counsel Law Center.

Mr. Nissen gained his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and his law degree from U.C Berkeley (Boalt Hall) School of Law.