



## News Release

### **FIREMAN'S FUND® NAMES CYNTHIA PEVEHOUSE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY**

NOVATO, Calif., May 8, 2006 -- Cynthia Pevehouse has been named senior vice president, general counsel and secretary at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, according to Charles (Chuck) Kavitsky, chief executive officer.

In her new role, Pevehouse is responsible for corporate governance, compliance, legal services and government affairs, and risk management. She also serves on the company's eight-person executive management team. Pevehouse joined Fireman's Fund® in January as vice president and associate general counsel, responsible for corporate governance. Pevehouse succeeds Janet Kloenhamer who has assumed leadership of the company's discontinued business operations.

"Cynthia brings a strong legal background in corporate governance, securities law, strategic transactions and intellectual property with a proven track record as general counsel," said Kavitsky. "We look forward to her leadership in this important position."

Previously, she served as general counsel and secretary at Polycom, Inc. in Pleasanton, Calif. Prior to joining Polycom, she was general counsel and secretary at Ask Jeeves, Inc. in Emeryville, Calif. She has held senior corporate positions at large and small companies, primarily in the technology industry. Pevehouse spent her childhood in Japan and later practiced law there for the U.S. firm Lane Powell Spears Lubersky, as well as in their Portland and Seattle offices.

Pevehouse received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Oregon State University and her juris doctorate from the Willamette University School of Law. She also studied Asian comparative law at the University of Washington Law School. Pevehouse is licensed to practice law in California, New York and Washington. She resides in San Francisco.

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