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**Columbia Capital's John Siegel to Speak at CEO Breakfast
During COMPTEL PLUS Spring 2010 in Nashville**

*Partner at Venture Capital Firm will Discuss How Capital Markets
View the Telecommunications Sector*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive telecommunications industry, today announced John T. Siegel, Jr., a partner with Columbia Capital will be the featured speaker at the CEO Breakfast, which will be held during the COMPTEL PLUS Spring 2010 Convention & EXPO in Nashville, March 14-17, 2010. Siegel, a prominent venture capitalist focusing on communications services investments, will speak about trends in the capital markets relating to the telecommunication sector.

"I'm honored to be speaking to COMPTEL and its members, and I look forward to discussing the future of telecommunications as it faces the post-bubble world of financing, capital structures and the Obama Administration's goals with regards to broadband stimulus," Siegel said.

Siegel joined Columbia Capital in 2000 and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors at Envysion, euNetworks Group Limited, GTS CE, MegaPath, MindSHIFT Technologies, Presidio, Teliris, and Zayo Bandwidth. He served on the board of ICG Communications prior to its sale to Level 3 Communications and represented Columbia Capital's interests in Mpower Communications prior to its sale to TelePacific. Siegel also was a board member of FDN Communications prior to its merger with NuVox Communications. Prior to joining Columbia Capital, John was a member of Morgan Stanley's Private Equity Group, where he specialized in investments in the telecommunications/data services arena. He has held positions with Fidelity Ventures, the private equity division of Fidelity Investments, and the Investment Banking Division of Alex. Brown & Sons, Incorporated. Siegel earned a B.A. from Princeton University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

The CEO Breakfast is an invitation-only event for members of COMPTEL's CEO Council. The CEO Council is designed to bring together top executives from competitive telecommunications service providers and their supplier partners, in order to network and discuss business, technology and policy issues. The CEO Breakfast is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., during the COMPTEL PLUS Spring 2010 Convention & EXPO at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville.

About COMPTEL PLUS

COMPTEL *PLUS* is the preeminent networking event for innovative communications companies. Held twice a year, these events attract more than 147 exhibitors and 3,200 attendees, who have the opportunity to learn about new products, services and industry trends, meet potential customers and do business. In addition to exclusive exhibit hours, COMPTEL *PLUS* offers comprehensive educational programming and experienced industry speakers. The COMPTEL *PLUS* Spring 2010 Convention & EXPO is scheduled for March 14-17, 2010, at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville. For more information, please visit <http://comptel.org/content.asp?contentid=2153>.

About COMPTEL

Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTEL advances its members' interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices, better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit www.comptel.org.