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**Ciena Appoints David Rothenstein as Senior Vice President
and Chief Strategy Officer**

**Promotes Sheela Kosaraju to Senior Vice President and General
Counsel**

HANOVER, Md. – January 24, 2023 – [Ciena](#)[®] Corporation (NYSE: CIEN), a networking systems, services and software company, today announced the appointment of David M. Rothenstein as senior vice president, chief strategy officer and corporate secretary. Rothenstein senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary since November 2008, and as acting chief strategy officer since March 2022. He will continue to report to President and CEO Gary Smith.

In his new role, Rothenstein will lead the company's strategic and operational and implementation processes, and guide differentiated growth through corporate development activities, including mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances and partnerships, and venture capital investments. He will also drive the future incubation of emerging solutions designed to optimize existing businesses or enter new markets. In addition, he will oversee the company's talent and organizational management programs as well as the corporate real estate function

Sheela Kosaraju Appointed as Senior Vice President and General Counsel

As part of leadership succession plan, Ciena concurrently promoted Sheela Kosaraju to senior vice president, general counsel and assistant secretary. Kosaraju joined Ciena in 2010 and has served as vice president, deputy general counsel and head of international legal since August 2020, and previously as vice president and associate general counsel. Prior to joining Ciena, Kosaraju was general counsel for two early-stage companies, HomeCom Communications and Closedloop Solutions.

In join executive leadership team reporting to Smith, Kosaraju assumes re