

**Jeffrey A. Maldonado – Vice President, Deputy General Counsel – Marketing**

Jeffrey A. Maldonado, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Marketing, is responsible for providing provides advice to Verizon's wireline marketing organization. Mr. Maldonado's department, which consists of twelve attorneys, has responsibility for providing advice on a variety of regulatory, transactional, sales, and marketing issues serving Verizon's consumer, small business and entrprise customer segments.

Mr. Maldonado joined GTE California in 1987 as a staff attorney. His responsibilities at that time involved direct representation of the company in litigation matters, including contract disputes, wrongful termination and sexual harassment cases, property damage claims and personal injury actions.

In October 1990, he was promoted to the position of Associate General Counsel - Hawaii Region. From 1990 to 1997, his responsibilities included oversight of legal affairs pertaining to GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company and its affiliates GTE Hawaiian Tel International and The Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation. He provided advice to the region president and his direct reports on local and international legal and regulatory issues, and represented the company in numerous proceedings before the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission, including the company's 1993 and 1995 rate cases and Docket No. 7702, a generic proceeding to implement provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

In January 1998, Maldonado was appointed to the position of Assistant General Counsel - Texas/New Mexico and Midwest Region. In this position, he provided advice to GTE's region presidents and their direct reports for the Texas/New Mexico and Midwest regions, an area encompassing eight states. He and his staff provided counsel on a wide range of legal matters, including regulatory issues and tariff interpretation; the negotiation of contracts with customers, vendors and suppliers; negotiations with Native American tribes in the Southwest on right of way and easement issues; and the resolution of customer complaints. Mr. Maldonado also supervised litigation filed on behalf of GTE Southwest challenging right-of-way ordinances adopted by municipalities in Texas and the Midwest. Eventually this litigation was favorably settled, leading to uniform right-of-way legislation in Texas and favorable results in several other Midwestern cities.

In September 1999, Maldonado was promoted to the position of

Assistant General Counsel, Region Field Operations - West Coast and Hawaii. His responsibilities included the provision of legal counsel to GTE region presidents and their direct reports in California, the Northwest and Hawaii. His department provided advice on regulatory and tariff issues, transactional matters, real estate and property questions, and dealings with public officials. In July 2000, after the merger of GTE and Bell Atlantic to form Verizon, Maldonado was appointed Vice-President, Associate General Counsel, Retail Markets with responsibility to provide legal support Verizon's wireline marketing and sales operations.

Before joining GTE, Maldonado was a litigator at the firms of Tuttle & Taylor and Alschuler, Grossman & Pines in Los Angeles, California.

Maldonado is a member of the New Jersey and California bars, and as has also been a member of the Hawaii bar. He is a member of the Hispanic National Bar Association. He has also been active in community youth programs including Little League, AYSO, and most recently Catholic Big Sisters Big Brothers in New York City. Mr. Maldonado serves on the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, and on the advisory Board of Directors of Catholic Big Sisters Big Brothers of New York.

Maldonado graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in History from Stanford University in 1977. He obtained his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1981. Maldonado and his wife, Dr. Maria Betancourt, live in Ardsley, NY, with their four year-old daughter, Gabriela.