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James A. Kirkland joined Trimble as vice president and general counsel in July 2008. Prior to joining Trimble, he worked for Covad Communications, a provider of broadband services, for four years serving as general counsel and executive vice president, strategic development. Kirkland also served as senior vice president of spectrum development and general counsel at Clearwire Technologies, Inc., a provider of broadband wireless services, from March 2001 to October 2003. Kirkland began his career as an associate at Mintz Levin, one of the leading communications law firms in the U.S., and in 1992 he was promoted to partner. Kirkland received his BA from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Kirkland currently serves on the board of directors of the California Emerging Technology Fund, a nonprofit organization formed to help bridge the digital divide in California. He has also served on the Technical Advisory Group of the California TeleHealth Network, which is building a statewide broadband telehealth network reaching underserved communities, as chairman of the Economic Development Working Group for Governor Schwarzenegger's California Broadband Task Force, on the board of directors and executive committee of CompTel, the trade association representing competitive telecommunications carriers, and on the board of directors of the Information Technology Association of America.