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**For Immediate Release:**

## **Cathy Kiselyak Austin Joins Vertex as General Counsel**

**Berwyn, PA – February 6, 2012 – Vertex Inc.**, the leading provider of corporate enterprise tax solutions, today announced that Cathy Kiselyak Austin has joined the company as its General Counsel. Ms. Austin comes to Vertex with more than 30 years of experience in legal and business issues in the technology industry, involving complex information systems, outsourcing, content development, and Web based platforms, as well as ERP licensing, implementation and hosting and privacy and security issues.

Prior to joining Vertex, Ms. Austin served as a Partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. Her practice included counseling U.S. and international clients on information technology and Internet-related issues, as well as the protection and commercialization of intellectual property rights. Ms. Austin's recent work includes a \$500 million outsourced hosting transaction, three ERP replacement projects for multi-billion dollar international companies, and an \$8 million outsourced ERP support transaction involving locations in 25 countries.

Ms. Austin will oversee all legal matters for Vertex and provide legal counsel to the company on U.S. and international development, acquisition and operation of technology, compliance, and the protection of intellectual property rights.

"Cathy's expertise in intellectual property rights and ERP licensing will be essential to Vertex as we continue to develop **Vertex® Enterprise**," said David DeStefano, Chief Financial Officer of Vertex. "She provides Vertex with a unique mix of knowledge and experience at a crucial point in our growth, and as General Counsel will provide valuable guidance across all aspects of our business."

Ms. Austin received her J.D. from Yale Law School and her Bachelor of Science degree in Management, with a minor in Computer Science, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She also attended the Heinrich Hertz Gymnasium in Bonn, Germany, where she earned her Abitur, and is fluent in English and German and proficient in French.

Ms. Austin has been ranked by *Chambers USA* in Technology & Outsourcing since 2008 and has been listed in the *Leading Lawyers Network* since 2004 as a Leading Lawyer in Computer and Technology Law.



### **About Vertex**

Founded in 1978, [Vertex Inc.](#) is the leading provider of corporate enterprise tax software and services worldwide.

Vertex helps companies realize the full financial and strategic potential of corporate tax, offering a variety of solutions that streamline, integrate and automate corporate tax processes. Vertex solutions serve multinational corporations in every major line of business tax including; income, sales, consumer use, value added, communications and payroll.

The company's offerings are showcased by [Vertex® Enterprise](#), a data-driven, open-architecture approach to tax technology that integrates all direct and indirect tax processes and technologies with host financial system applications on a single platform. The result is increased efficiency, control, transparency and strategic decision making for Tax and Finance departments.

Vertex is a privately held company that employs over 700 professionals across the globe, at its headquarters in the U.S. (Berwyn, Pa.) and offices in Europe (London), Brazil (São Paulo), Dallas, Fort Collins, Naperville, Phoenix and Sarasota.

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