



## Verisign Names John Calys as Interim Chief Financial Officer

DULLES, VA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 09/26/11 -- VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRSN), the trusted provider of Internet infrastructure services for the networked world, today announced that the company has appointed John Calys to the position of chief financial officer (CFO), on an interim basis, effective immediately. Calys will report directly to Jim Bidzos, executive chairman, president and chief executive officer, and have full responsibility for the company's financial operations.

Calys, 52, has been serving as Verisign's vice president and controller since December 2010, and will continue in these roles. Prior to joining Verisign, Calys served as the vice president and controller of XO Holdings, Inc. He also served as vice president and assistant treasurer of Sprint Nextel Corporation, and vice president and assistant controller of Nextel Communications, Inc.

"John is well-qualified to serve as interim CFO at Verisign," said Bidzos. "In addition to direct experience for three quarters as our controller, he brings a successful and diverse track record as a financial operating executive in public companies."

### *About Verisign*

VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRSN) is the trusted provider of Internet infrastructure services for the networked world. Billions of times each day, Verisign helps companies and consumers all over the world connect between the dots. Additional news and information about the company is available at [www.verisigninc.com](http://www.verisigninc.com).

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