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Erich Andersen is Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Microsoft Corporation with responsibility for leading the company's Intellectual Property Group, which is part of Microsoft's Legal and Corporate Affairs Department.

Andersen joined Microsoft in 1995, and has worked very closely with the Microsoft business groups over the years on legal, regulatory, technical and policy issues, handling many of the company's strategic relations with partners. Andersen has traveled extensively in Europe and Asia during his time with the company and was based in Paris, France from 2006 – 2009, where he led the EMEA legal and government affairs team. He previously held the positions of Vice President & Deputy General Counsel for the company's Office and Windows product divisions.

Before joining Microsoft, Andersen served as a law clerk for Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Portland, Oregon and the Honorable James P. Churchill of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. He began his law practice with Davis Wright Tremaine in Seattle, Washington.

Andersen graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1986 and from the UCLA School of Law in 1989, where he served as Chief Managing Editor of the law review.

Andersen is married to Anne Read-Andersen (a Michigan Law grad) and has three children and two dogs who are treated like children in his household.