

CLARISSA CERDA

PROFILE

Since January of 2001, Clarissa Cerda has been serving as the Vice President & General Counsel of Initiate Systems, Inc. where she is responsible for the oversight and management of all legal matters. Initiate Systems, Inc. is the proven leader in customer data integration (CDI) for some of the largest healthcare providers, plans and payers, and also serves the financial services and hospitality industries and the public sector. Ms. Cerda has experience in a wide variety of corporate, technology, securities and commercial matters; including software licensing, privacy matters, mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, private placements, corporate reorganizations, acquisition financing, and general corporate governance matters. Ms. Cerda was previously Vice President, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary for Open Port Technology, as well as a Corporate and Securities Partner in the national law firm of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal. Prior to that, Ms. Cerda served as the Assistant Counsel to the President of the United States in the White House.

Ms. Cerda is a member of the Retention Project Committee of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession and serves on the Advisory Board of the Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms. She is a former Commissioner of the ABA's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession and a former member of the ABA's Racial and Ethnic Justice Council. Ms. Cerda served for many years on the boards of both the Hispanic National Bar Association and the Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms. Ms. Cerda has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College and a Master's degree in philosophy from the University of Western Australia. She received a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Michigan Law School and undertook post-doctoral studies in European Community law at l'Université Libre in Brussels.

Ms. Cerda is the President of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Math and Science Academy Charter School and a Director of TASC, Inc. of Illinois.