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Tenet Names Gary K. Ruff General Counsel

DALLAS – July 29, 2008 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) today announced that Gary K. Ruff has been named senior vice president and general counsel. Ruff, 48, who has been serving as Tenet’s interim general counsel since March, will be responsible for leading all of Tenet’s legal activities at the corporate, regional and hospital levels. He will report to Trevor Fetter, Tenet’s president and chief executive officer.

“Having been an integral part of our Law Department for more than 16 years, Gary has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and commitment to Tenet. His knowledge of hospital operations and his legal expertise are only part of what makes him such an ideal candidate for this position,” said Fetter. “Our hospital management teams like and respect him very much, and he has done an outstanding job of leading our Law Department since the departure earlier this year of our previous general counsel. I have full confidence in Gary’s ability to lead our legal activities and oversee the function.”

Prior to being named senior vice president and general counsel, Ruff served as vice president and assistant general counsel. He joined Tenet in 1992 as senior counsel of Tenet Physician Services and the

company's Gulf States Region. Before joining Tenet, Ruff was a tax manager for Deloitte & Touche where he specialized in corporate reorganizations and individual tax planning.

Ruff received his masters of law degree in taxation from Georgetown University and his juris doctorate from Pepperdine. He also holds a master's degree in management from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Gonzaga University. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the California and Texas Bar Associations. His other affiliations include the American Health Lawyers Association.

Also today, Tenet announced that Audrey Andrews, vice president and chief compliance officer, and Clint Hailey, vice president and chief managed care officer, have been promoted to senior vice presidents of their respective functions.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates acute care hospitals and related ancillary health care businesses, which include ambulatory surgery centers and diagnostic imaging centers. Tenet is committed to providing high quality care to patients in the communities we serve. Tenet can be found on the World Wide Web at www.tenethealth.com.

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[NOTE TO EDITORS: Digital photos of Gary Ruff, Audrey Andrews and Clint Hailey are available by email on request. Please contact Tenet's Communication's Center at dl-commcenter@tenethealth.com or (469) 893-2640.]