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Global Eagle Entertainment Names Stephen Ballas as New General Counsel

LOS ANGELES, April 11, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Global Eagle Entertainment Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:ENT) ("GEE"), a worldwide provider of aircraft connectivity systems, operations solutions and media content to the travel industry, today announced the appointment of legal veteran Stephen Ballas as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

Ballas joins GEE following a successful and impressive track record in corporate law, most recently serving as a Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for CBRE Group, Inc. since 2013, where he managed CBRE's mergers-and-acquisitions, securities law, corporate finance and corporate governance functions. Prior to that, Ballas served as Senior Counsel for CBRE Global Investors, the global organization's real estate investment management division, from 2011 to 2013.

Previously, Stephen served as Vice President at GSO Capital Partners, the credit investment arm of The Blackstone Group, from 2010 to 2011, and as Senior Counsel at the New York-based hedge fund TPG-Axon Capital from 2007 to 2010. Ballas began his legal career at the law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, where he served five years as a corporate associate.

"Stephen is a great addition to the GEE leadership team. He will no doubt play an integral role at GEE as we continue our global expansion supporting the inflight entertainment and connectivity markets," said Dave Davis, GEE Chief Executive Officer. "Stephen's vast experience with fast-growing companies across a wide range of industries and his expertise in mergers-and-acquisitions and securities law aligns extremely well with our global corporate growth strategy."

Ballas earned his B.A. in Economics from Duke University and his J.D. from Georgetown Law School.

About Global Eagle Entertainment (GEE)

Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (Nasdaq:ENT) is a worldwide provider of aircraft connectivity systems, operations solutions and media content to the travel industry. Through the industry's most comprehensive product and services platform, Global Eagle Entertainment provides airlines with a wide range of in-flight solutions. These include Wi-Fi, movies, television, music, interactive software, as well as portable IFE solutions, content management services, e-commerce solutions and original content development. Serving more than 200 airlines worldwide, Global Eagle Entertainment delivers exceptional quality and value to its customers to help them achieve their passenger experience objectives. The company's headquarters are located in Los Angeles, California, with offices and teams located in North America, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Oceania and South America. Find out more at: www.geemedia.com.

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