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Teresa J. Rasmussen is senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Thrivent Financial, the country's largest fraternal benefit society. In this role, Rasmussen leads more than 165 professionals in the corporate risk management and external affairs departments, which include Legal and Compliance, Corporate Governance, Business Risk Management, Government Affairs, Lutheran Church and Community Relations, and Communications.

Before joining Thrivent in 2005, Rasmussen served in progressively responsible legal positions with American Express and Ameriprise Financial. She began her legal career in 1984 as part of the U.S. Attorney General's Honors Program, where she was a trial attorney in the tax division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

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Rasmussen serves on the boards of Walker Art Center, InFaith Community Foundation, and the International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation where she serves as vice chair. She is also president-elect of the Association of Life Insurance Counsel. She is the past chair of the American Fraternal Alliance, the trade association for fraternal benefit societies, and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.