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Dear Friends:

Holiday greetings. How quickly time passes. In 2006, Covington celebrated our fifteenth year. It seems like only yesterday that we were hanging up our shingle for the first time. Now fifteen years later, we are coincidentally a team of fifteen and collectively we've completed well over 100 transactions. We thank and appreciate each of you who have had a hand in contributing to our successes over the past fifteen years. We couldn't have done it without you.

To mark our anniversary, we focused on several charities that we personally support, Angel Flight New England, where our own Chris Covington volunteers as a pilot so that children and adults can access medical care that would otherwise be unavailable to them, The Children's Defense Fund, Doctors without Borders, The Rodman Ride, in which Michael Papile and a Covington team participated, Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Year Up.

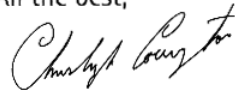
2006 has been another busy and fruitful year for the firm. We have completed and announced 20 transactions so far with a value of \$1.6 billion and for the second year in a row we are proud to be named the top local investment bank by *Boston Business Journal*. Our clients not only took us to our backyard of Cambridge and other environs of Boston, but were also scattered across the United States and even abroad. Where there is a deal, we will go and the type and capabilities run the gamut. We continue to focus on four main sectors – business services, consumer and industrial, healthcare and technology. Within our sector groups, we had the pleasure of working with talented, impressive and distinguished clients in disease management, medical products and services, medical product outsourcing, drug safety, real estate services, testing and certification, logistics, integrated technology solutions and consulting services.

Our team was bolstered by the additions to our associate/analyst pool of John Finn, Glen Kruger, and Pramod Raju. They have added strength to our "bullpen" and expertise in the consumer and industrial sector, technology and professional services and telecom, utilities and manufacturing. In addition, Jodi Pettingill joined our team and is now the voice of Covington and supports all of our administrative needs.

As we look ahead to 2007, we are optimistic that the deal volume will keep pace with the past two years and we hope to have the opportunity to work with you.

Best wishes to you and your families for a holiday season and new year filled with good tidings and good cheer.

All the best,



Chris Covington



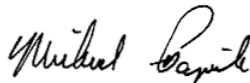
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