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## INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC RANKED AMONG TOP TIER OF BROKER-DEALER FIRMS

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Independent Financial Group, LLC, a securities and investment firm based in San Diego, has been ranked among the fastest growing companies in the industry by three major trade publications.

Financial Planning, in its annual independent broker-dealer survey, listed Independent Financial Group as the fastest growing broker-dealer firm among the company's industry peers, citing the company's revenues increasing 106 percent. The publication also listed Independent Financial Group as one of the top "Up and Comers" in its June 2006 issue. Financial Advisor has listed Independent Financial Group as the 40th largest independent broker-dealer in the country for gross revenues. In the June 2006 issue of Investment Advisor, Independent Financial Group was ranked number 12 out of the top independent broker-dealers in average gross production per representative for 2005.

"We are extremely pleased to be acknowledged by prominent industry publications as a leader in the field," said Joe H. Miller, CEO and managing director of Independent Financial Group. "We have had impressive growth and undeniable success since we started the company in 2003, and we are committed to continuing this trend and maintaining our core values."

Independent Financial Group was founded in 2003 by Scott Heising and a group of experienced industry professionals to serve the needs of independent financial representatives. As an independent broker-dealer firm, the company empowers representatives by giving them the flexibility and tools to meet the needs of their clients. The company now supports more than 150 independent financial representatives by offering superb service provided by an experienced staff of professionals as well as industry-focused technology in an environment where the representative is treated as a valued client and true independence is paramount.

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