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INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC LISTED AS SAN DIEGO'S FASTEST GROWING PRIVATE COMPANY FOR 2006, GARNERS RUNNER-UP STATUS FOR BROKER-DEALER OF THE YEAR

SAN DIEGO, Calif.— The San Diego Business Journal has named Independent Financial Group, LLC as San Diego's fastest growing private company for 2006. Independent Financial Group was additionally listed as one of the nation's top broker-dealer firms for 2006 in an industry wide survey conducted by Investment Advisor Magazine.

In its annual September special section featuring San Diego's 100 fastest growing private companies, the San Diego Business Journal cited Independent Financial Group's impressive 3,561 percent revenue growth rate over the past three years. Independent Financial Group principals Joe Miller, Scott Heising and David Fischer received the award for San Diego's top growing private company from Armon Mills, the president and publisher of the San Diego Business Journal, during a reception on Sept. 21.

In a poll conducted by Investment Advisor Magazine, Independent Financial Group was listed in the September 2006 issue as runner up for the 2006 Broker Dealer of the Year Award for broker-dealers with less than 200 representatives.

“It has been quite a quarter for us, being recognized as San Diego's fastest growing private company and being runner up for recognition as Broker-Dealer of the year in our industry.” said Miller, CEO and managing director of Independent Financial Group. “The Fastest Growing Private Company Award is a direct result of the quality of employees we have and the great financial professionals that have chosen to associate with us. Coupled with runner-up status for Broker-Dealer of the Year, this recognition will allow us to continue to attract the best financial professionals and employees who want to be part of our thriving company.”

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 160 independent financial representatives in 85 offices in 11 states 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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