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Jeff Benjamin currently serves as Vice President and General Counsel, Litigation and Ethics and Compliance Officer of Novartis Corporation. For the past several years, he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Ethics and Compliance Officer Association and the Program Advisory Board of the Brennan Center for Justice. During the period August through year-end 2005 Mr. Benjamin served as General Counsel of Novartis Corporation. Between January 1, 1997 and August 2005, Mr. Benjamin was Vice President Deputy General Counsel. Mr. Benjamin was previously General Counsel of Ciba-Geigy Corporation with responsibility for consummating its merger with Sandoz Corporation (to form Novartis Corporation), spinning off Ciba-Geigy's industrial divisions and leading Ciba-Geigy Corporation's Legal Department through the transition culminating in the spin-off and merger. Between 1986 and 1996 Mr. Benjamin served as Vice President, Associate General Counsel, Director of the Legal Department and Deputy Law Compliance Officer of Ciba-Geigy Corporation. During his tenure at Novartis and Ciba-Geigy, Mr. Benjamin has written articles about law practice management, ethics and law compliance, and the legal profession. He has appeared on a number of professional panels sponsored by The Conference Board, PLI, law firms and various Bar Associations, dealing with a variety of legal and ethical subjects including antitrust counseling in connection with high-tech mergers, alternative dispute resolution, the expanded role of senior management in ethics and compliance, sustaining a culture of ethics and law compliance and the reputation of the legal profession. In addition to his active participation at ECOA Meetings and Conferences, he has authored and facilitated interactive case studies that highlight ethical and legal issues that can arise in modern corporations. He received his B.A. degree in government from Cornell University and his J.D. degree from the New York University Law School, graduating cum laude, and as a member of the Order of the Coif.

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