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Former Secretary Chertoff Joins Covington

WASHINGTON, DC, March 26, 2009 — Covington & Burling LLP is pleased to announce that Michael Chertoff, most recently Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, has joined the firm as senior of counsel. Mr. Chertoff previously served as a federal appeals court judge, as head of the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division, and as U.S. Attorney for New Jersey. He will practice in Covington's white collar defense and investigations group, and will be resident in the firm's Washington office.

Prior to his appointment to the Cabinet, Mr. Chertoff served from 2003 to 2005 on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Before becoming a federal judge, he served as the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. In that position, he oversaw the investigation of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and formed the Enron Task Force, which produced more than 20 convictions, including those of CEOs Jeffrey Skilling and Kenneth Lay.

Mr. Chertoff's career includes more than a decade as a federal prosecutor, including service as U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, and Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. As a federal prosecutor, Mr. Chertoff investigated and personally prosecuted significant cases of political corruption, organized crime, and corporate fraud.

"Mike Chertoff is first and foremost a lawyer of considerable renown. His legal and public service, including his crisis management experience, make him a unique asset for senior executives. Mike is uniquely qualified to help executives who must understand and manage issues that have national, cross border, legal and public policy implications," said Bruce Baird, chair of Covington's white collar practice.

Mr. Chertoff added: "What attracted me to Covington was the firm's international reach, impressive list of clients, and collegial atmosphere. I am looking forward to working with clients that face complex criminal and regulatory enforcement investigations, and other forms of legal crisis."

A *magna cum laude* graduate of both Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Mr. Chertoff served as a clerk to Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, Jr. Between

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1994 and 2001, Mr. Chertoff defended major corporations and individuals in numerous white collar criminal investigations and trials.

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