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As a Principal of Greenleaf's Drug and Biologics group, Dr. Robert Meyer contributes a rich knowledge, gained through 25 years of regulatory and academic leadership, of the important issues facing the pharmaceutical sector today. Bob was previously the Director of the Virginia Center for Translational and Regulatory Sciences (VCTRS) at the University of Virginia (UVA) School of Medicine and will continue at UVA as an Associate Professor of Public Health Sciences while at Greenleaf.

At the VCTRS, Bob led the development of a new regulatory science curriculum and served as a faculty expert in drug/biologic regulation, clinical development and study design, and commercial discovery and development, providing insight to support the regulatory success of medical research with transformational potential. Before joining UVA in 2013, Bob headed worldwide regulatory and pharmacovigilance activities at Merck Research Laboratories (MRL), most recently as Vice President, Global Regulatory Strategy, Policy and Safety. He was also a member of MRL's Early Stage and Late Stage Development Review Committees and Safety Review Committee. Bob is a non-executive Director on the Boards of Chimerix Inc. and Translate BIO.

Prior to his academic and corporate experience, Dr. Meyer had a notable career at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including five years (2002-2007) as the Director of the Office of Drug Evaluation II within the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), with oversight of pulmonary and allergy, metabolic and endocrine, analgesic and anesthetic, and rheumatologic drug products. The rest of his tenure at FDA was spent in CDER's Division of Pulmonary and Allergy Drug Products, which he directed from 1999 to 2002 after positions as a medical reviewer and team leader. He chaired the Pre-Market Risk Assessment guidance development for CDER and participated in several PDUFA negotiations on behalf of both the FDA and PhRMA. Bob has served on the Board of Directors for the Reagan-Udall Foundation and is currently a Medical Science Trustee for the United States Pharmacopeia Board. A recognized expert on ozone-safe medical aerosols, Bob is also a longstanding member of the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) Technical Options Committee on Medical Aerosols.

Bob received his medical degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and completed his residency with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine at the VA Medical Center in Newington, CT, serving as Chief Medical Resident from 1987-88. At the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland (1991-94), he was an academic pulmonologist and critical care specialist, helping to establish the medical service for the Lung/Heart-Lung Transplantation team. He has also served as a volunteer staff physician in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

