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## Boston Life Sciences Symposium

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025 | FAIRMONT COPLEY PLAZA, BOSTON

Time Slot	Session	Description
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<i>Registration and Breakfast</i>	
10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	<i>Opening Remarks</i> <b>Sarah Griffiths</b> , Of Counsel, Covington	
10:05 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	<b>Plenary Session One:</b> <i>First 100 Days of the New Administration</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Krista Carver</b>, Moderator, Partner, Covington</li><li>▪ <b>Kristie Gurley</b>, Partner, Covington</li><li>▪ <b>Jerry Masoudi</b>, Partner, Covington</li><li>▪ <b>Matthew Schumaker</b>, Vice President, Head of Federal Government Affairs, Vertex Pharmaceuticals</li><li>▪ <b>Nicholas Xenakis</b>, Of Counsel, Covington</li></ul>	This panel will discuss executive orders, agency directives, personnel moves, and expected policy changes in the first 100 days of the Trump Administration, as well as the implications for life sciences companies.
10:55 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	<i>Morning Break</i>	
11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Plenary Session Two:</b> <i>Corporate Deal Trends: A Look at the M&amp;A, Licensing and Financing Landscape in 2025</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Julienne Hearn</b>, Moderator, Of Counsel, Covington</li><li>▪ <b>Dr. Bryan Czyzewski</b>, Managing Director in Healthcare Investment Banking, Jefferies</li><li>▪ <b>John Hurvitz</b>, Partner, Covington</li><li>▪ <b>Wendell Taylor</b>, Chief Corporation Counsel, Biogen</li><li>▪ <b>Robin Walker</b>, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary, Areteia Therapeutics</li></ul>	As we approach the halfway point of 2025, hear industry, legal and finance perspectives on deal trends, opportunities and market outlook for transactions in the Life Sciences industry. Topics will include trends in deal structures, the biotech IPO market, alternative financing structures, notable therapeutic areas, technologies and modalities, impacts of the new administration, and more trends to watch in the coming year.
12:05 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.	<b>CovTalk Session:</b> Cybersecurity – Recent Trends and What's Next? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Caleb Skeath</b>, Partner, Covington</li><li>▪ <b>Claire O'Rourke</b>, Associate, Covington</li></ul>	This panel will address significant cybersecurity developments for life sciences companies in recent months, as well as potential areas of development and focus over the next year. As the global landscape of cybersecurity enforcement and regulation continues its rapid evolution, the session will provide practical guidance on current and upcoming cyber-related legal risks to address these changes.
12:25 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.	<i>Buffet Luncheon Served</i>	



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12:55 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	<b>Luncheon Keynote Conversation</b> Biology's Century: How Will Regulation Keep Up? Featuring <b>Amy Abernethy</b> , Cofounder, Highlander Health Moderated by <b>Joe Franklin</b> , Special Counsel, Covington	This keynote conversation will feature a discussion with Dr. Amy Abernethy, who brings experience as a physician, technology developer, investor, and former FDA leader. We are living in what has been called "Biology's Century." This discussion will explore how the convergence of technology trends in the life sciences will put enormous pressure on our regulatory paradigm, and how regulation can keep up.
1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<i>Afternoon Break</i>	
2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	<b>CovTalk Session:</b> Regulation in Flux: What Comes Next for Diagnostics? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Amy Leiser</b>, Special Counsel, Covington</li></ul>	For decades, FDA's approach to regulating diagnostics has been in flux, and another major shift could be coming. This CovTalk will explore the past, present, and—most importantly—the future of diagnostics regulation.
2:25 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<b>Plenary Session Three:</b> Shifting Enforcement Priorities: What Should Life Sciences Companies Expect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Mona Patel</b>, Moderator, Partner, Covington</li><li>▪ <b>Steven Fagell</b>, Partner, Covington</li><li>▪ <b>Matthew O'Connor</b>, Partner, Covington</li><li>▪ <b>Robert Kelner</b>, Partner, Covington</li></ul>	This panel will explore the shifting enforcement landscape at DOJ and in Congress, the impact of recent developments on life sciences companies, and how life sciences companies should evaluate and mitigate risks.
3:15 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	<i>Closing Remarks</i> <b>Sarah Griffiths</b> , Of Counsel, Covington	
3:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Afternoon Reception</i>	