

**AFFIDAVIT OF MARY DEVILIN HITCHCOCK**

I, Mary Devilin Hitchcock, of Belmont, Massachusetts, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I knew Benjamin C. Thompson ("Ben"), who died on August 17, 2002. I have no interest in Ben's Estate.

2. I started working for Benjamin Thompson Associates ("BTA") in 1989. I was Ben's administrative assistant. I was hired by Ben and his second wife, Jane Thompson ("Jane"), due to a reference from one of their neighbors. My duties as Ben's administrative assistant included not just drafting letters and office work, but also acting as Ben's personal care attendant. I worked with Ben from whatever location he was working from, whether it was the house that he and Jane owned on Willard Street in Cambridge, the BTA office in Harvard Square, or Ben and Jane's house on Cape Cod. I also sometimes worked until very late in the evening due to meetings held by Ben and his partners and Jane after office hours.

3. During the time period I worked for BTA, I had opportunity to observe the interactions between Ben and Jane, and also Ben's two children who worked at BTA, Benjamin Thompson ("Ben Jr.") and Nicholas Thompson. I did not have an opportunity to meet Ben's daughter or his son Anthony Thompson ("Tony"), who lived in Washington, D.C.

4. From what I observed of Ben from my interactions with him, he cared very much about his five children. Tony would often call from Washington, D.C. Ben also had a warm relationship with his two sons who worked in the office.

5. Due to the nature of the travel required to be Ben's administrative assistant, I carried everything of Ben's with me in a briefcase. Along with documents kept in the briefcase for