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ARGENT PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC IS ACQUIRED BY BOLLINGER

Short Hills, NJ – (January 5, 2012) Argent Professional Insurance Agency, LLC announces its acquisition by one of the nation’s leading insurance agencies, Bollinger, Inc. “Bollinger is a leader in virtually every area of the insurance industry, and with the acquisition of Argent, we feel we have solidified our place on top of the professional liability market as well,” remarked Jack Windolf, CLU, CPCU, Bollinger Chairman and CEO.

This acquisition will make Bollinger one of the largest professional liability insurance agencies in the nation, combining Argent’s vast network and seasoned leadership, with Bollinger’s extensive resources and national presence.

Bollinger has formed a new professional liability division within its agency in recognition of its new role as a leader in the niche. In addition to acquiring Argent, Bollinger has also recently acquired other agencies with professional liability expertise, including The Woodland Group and Allied Insurance Services Agency. “We are excited by the prospect of creating one professional liability division within Bollinger, and are honored to be tasked to lead it,” commented Henry Kane, ARM, President, Argent.

The acquisition also comes at a time when many professionals – particularly in healthcare – are experiencing widespread consolidation and regionalization.

“As the clients we serve throughout a number of professions continue to expand geographically, and diversify into new areas with new exposures, we are thrilled to be able to partner with Bollinger . Having access to Bollinger’s resources helps ensure that our clients’ needs will be met for many years into the future,” noted Brian Kern, Esq., Co-Founder of Argent.

Argent Professional Insurance Agency, LLC, was founded in 2009 by Henry Kane, ARM, and Brian Kern, Esq., and has grown rapidly to become one of New Jersey’s leading writers of professional liability insurance for physicians and healthcare facilities, accountants and attorneys.

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Bollinger, Inc. is headquartered in Short Hills, NJ with branch offices in Greenwich CT, New York NY, Monticello NY, Philadelphia PA and additional NJ locations in Moorestown, Sparta, Vineland and Wall. The firm has over 440 employees and is currently ranked as the nation’s 17th largest insurance broker.[†] It is one of the 2009 Best Places to Work in Insurance.^{††} Bollinger provides business and personal insurance and employee benefit programs to a wide range of customers, as well as specialty insurance programs for golf and country clubs, amateur sports, and schools and colleges. For more information on Bollinger, Inc. – www.BollingerInsurance.com

[†] As reported in *Business Insurance*, July 18, 2011

^{††} As reported in *Business Insurance*, October 19, 2009