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Licensing Executives Society (USA & Canada), Inc., and the LES Foundation Honor Marvin C. Guthrie with the Frank Barnes Mentoring Award

Orlando, FL, October 20, 2008 – The Licensing Executives Society (USA & Canada), Inc., and the LES Foundation honored Marvin C. Guthrie, CLP, with its Frank Barnes Mentoring Award during their Annual Meeting here today.

Now in its 8th year, the Frank Barnes Award was established by LES members to memorialize Mr. Barnes' vast contributions to the field of licensing through mentorship. An award of \$500 is given annually to an LES member who, like Mr. Barnes, has devoted considerable time to mentoring licensing executives.

“Over the past 40 years, Marv has assisted, trained and mentored licensing professionals, both new to the profession and veterans, both on the same side and across the table,” said Mike Lee, the LES Trustee who nominated Mr. Guthrie. “Marv plans to retire at the end of the year and this award is a well-deserved and fitting end to his long and distinguished career in the licensing profession.”

Currently, Mr. Guthrie is a Senior Advisor for Technology Transfer for Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein and Fox in Washington, DC.

He began his career in the Bio-products Section of the Dow Chemical Company Patent Department. He then worked as a partner in private practice before launching a 30-year relationship with Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), first as its original director of technology transfer, then as outside counsel and Vice President of Patents, Licensing & Industry Sponsored Research and finally for Partners Healthcare Systems, Inc., MGH'S parent company, as Director of Patents and Licensing.

In all of his roles, Mr. Guthrie actively mentored young professionals at MGH and then in the broader technology transfer community. He also mentored senior administration, faculty and technology transfer personnel from many other medical research centers and universities, as well as corporations seeking to form collaborative relationships with academia.

Mr. Guthrie has served as an LES Trustee and he chaired the New York Technology Transfer Seminar. He is also a past president and trustee of the Association of University Technology Managers, (AUTM). In 2008, Mr. Guthrie earned the Certification Licensing Professional (CLP) designation.

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The non-profit LES Foundation was established by the Licensing Executives Society (U.S.A & Canada), Inc., in 2000 to increase public awareness and understanding of the licensing of intellectual property rights and to communicate the critical role licensing plays in bringing creativity and innovation to commercial realization. Visit www.lesfoundation.org

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