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The LES Foundation and LES (USA & Canada) Honor Dr. Catherine Angell Sohn, CLP, with the 2009 Frank Barnes Mentor Award

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SAN FRANCISCO, October 19, 2009 – The LES Foundation and the Licensing Executives Society (U.S.A. & Canada), Inc., honored Dr. Catherine Angell Sohn, CLP, Senior Vice President Worldwide Business Development & Strategic Alliances at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Consumer Healthcare, with the Frank Barnes Mentor Award during its Annual Meeting today.

Now in its 9th year, the Frank Barnes Mentor Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of licensing through their professional mentorship.

“Dr. Sohn is a dedicated and attentive leader with a track record for developing people by providing the mentorship support needed to help them reach their career goals,” said LES member, Suzanne Lebold, PhD, Divisional Vice President of Licensing and New Business Development for Abbott.

As Senior Vice President at GSK, Dr. Sohn is responsible for the Consumer Healthcare Division’s global business development strategy, which includes overseeing its in-licensing, strategic alliances and merger and acquisition activities.

Prior to her decade of leadership in GSK’s Consumer Healthcare Division, Dr. Sohn spent 16 years in the company’s Pharmaceuticals Division working within U.S. Business Development, Medical Affairs and U.S. and Global Pharmaceutical Marketing.

Dr. Sohn received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California, San Francisco, School of Pharmacy, and a Certificate of Professional Development from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business.

Within LES, she has been an active member of the LES Philadelphia Chapter and is a Certified Licensing Professional (CLP). She currently serves on the LES Board of Trustees and remains an active member of the LES Life Sciences Sector’s Leadership Committee.

John Woodley Honored

In addition to honoring Dr. Sohn, a special Barnes Award was presented posthumously to LES (USA & Canada) Past President, John Woodley for his exceptional commitment to mentoring over the course of his career.

As a partner at Sims & McBurney, Mr. Woodley’s leadership spanned nearly 25 years. Within LES (USA & Canada), he served as a Chapter Chair, Meetings Chair, International Delegate, Trustee and ultimately President from 2000-2001.

“With this award, the LES Foundation and the LES Mentorship Committee seek to honor the strong tradition of LES members reaching out to help each other and those new to the profession grow professionally,” said LES Foundation President Arthur S. Rose, “The impact of people like Cathy Sohn, Frank Barnes and John Woodley is timeless because it lives on through the scores of people they have helped, taught, led and inspired during their careers.”

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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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