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CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY ADDS THREE LICENSING PROFESSIONALS IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE

Additions will Enhance Service to Faculty in School of Engineering and College of Arts and Sciences

CLEVELAND - - Case Western Reserve University's technology transfer office continues its expansion with the addition of three new licensing professionals.

Joining the office are James Pae and Michael Straightiff while a current employee, Daniel Pendergast, has been promoted. All three will work with the faculty in engineering and the physical sciences. Straightiff and Pendergast are graduates of the Case School of Engineering.

"We're delighted to have these three highly talented and energetic individuals joining our team," said Nick Frollini, assistant vice president for technology transfer. "Their enthusiasm and knowledge of the technology transfer process will provide a major boost for technology transfer at Case, particularly for the Case School of Engineering and College of Arts and Sciences."

Pae, who will serve as the office's new senior licensing manager, comes to Case from the National Technology Transfer Center in West Virginia, where he was a senior manager in the Federal Partnership Development program. Prior to that he was an account executive for Nasco Technologies Corporation, a business computer and software training and consulting company. Earlier he was a sales executive in the Cleveland office of Hewlett-Packard. Pae holds a B.S. in chemical engineering from Ohio University and is a member of the Association of University Technology Managers and the Licensing Executives Society.

Pendergast joined the technology transfer office in December 2003 as its senior paralegal and compliance specialist, where he was primarily responsible for federal government compliance. More recently he assisted with early-stage patentability assessment and marketing before being promoted to licensing associate. He holds a B.S.E. in electrical engineering from Case and is pursuing an M.S. in the same field. He is a member of the Association of University

Technology Managers and the Licensing Executives Society.

Straighttiff joined the technology transfer office in April. Prior to that he worked in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a patent examiner in the fields of light, thermal, and electrical energy applications to the human body. He holds a B.S.E. in biomedical engineering from Case with a concentration in biomedical instrumentation and devices. As an undergraduate he worked as a research assistant for the Cleveland Functional Electrical Stimulation Center. Straighttiff is pursuing a master of public policy degree from George Mason University, with a focus on science and technology policy. He is a member of the Association of University Technology Managers and the Licensing Executives Society.

The addition of Pae, Pendergast and Straighttiff brings to 13 the number of persons employed in Case's technology office. For the year ended June 30, the office completed 26 licensing and option deals and generated \$8.4 million in licensing revenues.

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