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36 Professionals Earn the CLP Credential in October 2017 Testing Window

RESTON, VA (November 21, 2017)—Certified Licensing Professionals, Inc. (CLP) announced today that 36 professionals who work in licensing and technology transfer passed the CLP exam and earned the credential during the final testing window of 2017, which was held October 1 – 31. This was the second testing window offered in 2017, and a total of 64 individuals earned CLP certification this year. Historical CLP exam statistics are available [online](#).

Individuals working in a diverse mix of employment settings—universities, corporations, private organizations and government entities—earned the credential during the October window. The CLP community is composed of professionals working in 30 countries around the world. Individuals working in seven countries are represented by those who earned the credential in October, demonstrating the continued growth of interest in the program outside of the United States. An organizational commitment to the licensing profession and the recognition of the value of the CLP credential is typified by Merck & Co., Inc. (and MSD), the employer of 11 newly-awarded certificants this exam window.

“We welcome the 36 newly-certified individuals into the CLP community and look forward to engaging with them in the near future” said Lesley Millar-Nicholson, CLP President and Chair. “The diversity of professional experiences and geographic settings held by this newest class of certificants exemplifies the breadth of the CLP program, which includes all aspects of licensing—strategy, intellectual property protection, opportunity assessment, valuation, marketing, agreement development and drafting, negotiation, and agreement management. Sincere congratulations to these Certified Licensing Professionals on their successful endeavor to demonstrate their experience, qualifications, and commitment to professional development.” Millar-Nicholson said.

The names and employers of the newly certified will be published in the next edition of [CLP Connection](#), the CLP newsletter, which will be released in early 2018.

Candidates have the opportunity to earn the CLP credential throughout the months of April and October each year. Registration for the April 2018 window is now open, and scheduling will begin in February. Interested individuals should visit <http://www.licensingcertification.org/for-candidates/application-and-fees/> to apply.

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The Certified Licensing Professional (CLP) program is a professional designation intended to distinguish those who have demonstrated experience, proficiency, knowledge and exposure to licensing and commercialization of intellectual property through involvement in patenting, marketing, valuation, IP law, negotiation, and intellectual asset management. The CLP program is designed to provide an inclusive environment for licensing professionals from varied backgrounds, thereby leveraging the multidisciplinary nature of the licensing field based on certain knowledge standards. The CLP exam is offered twice a year at over 400 locations worldwide. For more information, visit www.licensingcertification.org.