

## **Amanda Hayward Promoted to Senior Vice President at Scheer & Company**

NEW HAVEN, CT – Amanda Hayward, Ph.D., has been promoted to Senior Vice President at Scheer and Company, Inc., President David I. Scheer announced today. Dr. Hayward previously had been Vice President of the firm. Scheer & Company, Inc. founded in 1981, has activities in venture capital, corporate strategy, and transactional advisory services (corporate alliances, licensing arrangements, divestments, mergers, and acquisitions), exclusively in the life sciences area.

“Amanda’s contributions have been key to the continued evolution and recent successes at Scheer & Company,” David Scheer said. “In particular, she was instrumental in the founding of four start-up companies, Tengion, Aegerion, Sopherion and Opherion. This promotion reflects the significant value that she has added to Scheer & Company and to the companies that we work with on a daily basis.”

Colin Foster, President and CEO of Opherion, the most recent company co-founded by Scheer & Company, said: “Amanda brought remarkable experience and talent to helping Opherion launch successfully. She combines an understanding of the science supporting our company with organizational and financial skills.” Opherion is developing diagnostic and therapeutic products for patients with age-related macular degeneration.

Dr. Hayward joined Scheer & Company in April 2000 as an Associate, and was promoted to Vice President in 2002. In addition to her role in the venture practice, she has been a leading member of teams from Scheer providing corporate strategic advisory and consulting services to a range of clients, including both publicly- and privately-held companies. She has experience in corporate strategy and development, fundraising and financing transactions, licensing, operations, executive recruiting, human resources, facilities and lease negotiations, and financial modeling.

Before joining Scheer, Dr. Hayward was a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University, where she held the Life Sciences Research Foundation Bristol Myers Squibb Fellowship. She serves as a Board member for The Friends of Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital, and as a Board Observer for Opherion. She received her B.S. (Hons) in Genetics from the University of Sheffield, England, and her Ph.D. in Cell Biology and Anatomy from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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