Richard Bone, VLP Intellectual Property Partner, spoke at the 249th American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition in Denver, Colorado

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Denver, CO (March 26, 2015) – VLP Intellectual Partner Richard Bone presided over the session "Where Chemistry Meets the Law" at the 249th American Chemical Society National Meeting in Denver, CO. As part of the session, he delivered three oral presentations that described recent changes in U.S. patent law: the first, entitled "First Inventor to File – Two Years On" discussed initial experiences in examination of applications having a filing date on or after March 16, 2013; a talk entitled "Inter Partes Review – the Story So Far" provided an overview of the most heavily utilized procedure to challenge the validity of U.S. patents, after the the America Invents Act; a third talk entitled "Double Patenting Trouble – Why Terminal Disclaimers Matter More than Ever" described the effects on the patent term of many patents brought about by the Federal Circuit's 2014 decision in *Gilead v. Natco*. The slide decks for these presentations are available from Dr. Bone on request to: RBone@VLPLawGroup.com

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