



VLP Strengthens its Real Estate Practice with the Addition of Jane Imperatore and Michael Kass

Palo Alto, CA (June 24, 2014) – VLP Law Group LLP is pleased to announce the addition of Jane Imperatore and Michael Kass as partners with an emphasis on Construction Law and Affordable Housing.

With over 14 years in Construction Law, Jane provides guidance to owners and developers, municipalities, general contractors and large subcontractors during design, construction, ongoing operations and the project close-out process. In addition, her trial attorney experience allows her to anticipate potential issues that may arise and to offer practical and cost-effective alternatives to avoid litigation and mitigate disputes.

“Jane Imperatore’s arrival substantially expands the depth of VLP’s construction law practice” says Byron Rodriguez. “Jane’s experience in Construction Law and especially related dispute resolution will be a great resource to our existing client base and support the complex development projects our clients are undertaking.”

Prior to joining VLP, Jane was a partner at Odin, Feldman Pittleman PC in Real Estate and Land Use for 10 years. She is a graduate of the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law, where she was a Virginia Law Foundation Grant Recipient. Jane has a B.A. with high distinction from the University of Virginia. She is admitted to the State Bar of Virginia and District of Columbia and the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia. Jane is located in McLean, Virginia.

“I am very excited about joining VLP. The top-notch legal talent and breadth of service is the right fit for my practice,” stated Jane. “My clients have expressed great enthusiasm about VLP.”

Michael Kass joins VLP as an Affordable Housing attorney. He is located in the San Francisco Bay Area and was formerly a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. With over 20 years of experience representing clients in diverse commercial matters, Mike will be representing real estate developers and other project sponsors in a wide range of real estate development and capital markets transactions with a particular focus on affordable housing and community development projects.

“Mike’s level of expertise and understanding of client service will add significant bench strength to our Affordable Housing practice,” stated Byron Rodriguez. “And his experience handling complex commercial disputes, including counseling clients on how to avoid and control litigation cost, will be a tremendous asset to all VLP’s clients.”

Mike is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley School of Law and received an AB in Economics from the University of Michigan. He is admitted to the State Bar of California.

“VLP’s Real Estate Practice is expanding and I am pleased to be a part of its growth,” says Mike. “I am looking forward to leveraging VLP’s unique platform to deliver real value to clients – both new and old.”

About VLP’s Real Estate Practice

VLP’s Real Estate Practice Group represents real estate owners, developers and investors in a broad array of transactions, including:

- Acquisitions and Dispositions of Assets and Debt
- Affordable Housing
- Financings
- Joint Ventures
- Loan Workouts and Recovery
- Leasing
- Tax - Advantaged
- Development
- Construction

We offer our clients depth of experience with a variety of property types including office, hotel, multi-family, retail, industrial, and condominiums.

Our real estate transactions and tax expertise compares favorably to that of top tier national firms, with unrivaled client service and lower rates. We staff matters with senior level attorneys, helping clients develop strategies that suit their business objectives and risk tolerance.

About VLP

Founded in 2008, VLP is a business and transactional law firm that delivers top quality, efficient and cost-effective legal services. Our practice reaches across many industry sectors, including high tech, life sciences, angel and venture capital financings, clean tech, retail, consumer product, commercial lending and real estate. VLP has continued its strong growth, and is made up of noted attorneys with significant experience who believe VLP’s unique, client-oriented and cost-effective model is the best platform for their practice. Our partners are regularly recognized by their peers as outstanding attorneys, and the firm has been recognized as a top company for its promotion of quality of life in the workplace. Our lean model means that we can provide sophisticated, focused services to our clients, and we can do it at competitive rates.

VLP partners represent clients that vary in size from individual executives and early-stage startups to Fortune 500 companies. Our clients include public and private corporations, venture capital investors, private equity funds, educational institutions, nonprofits and individuals. We provide general corporate, licensing, contract, intellectual property protection and counseling, securities regulation, financing, employment, merger and acquisition, real estate, tax and other legal services.