



VLP LAW GROUP LLP

## **VLP's Corporate Practice Continues to Grow with Addition of Marcus Wilkinson**

Palo Alto, CA (April 16, 2013) . VLP Law Group LLP is pleased to announce the continued expansion of its corporate practice with the addition of Marcus Wilkinson, who joins as a partner based in Connecticut.

Marcus Wilkinson handles angel investments, venture capital transactions, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and general corporate matters. His practice involves structuring, documenting and negotiating seed and later stage equity financings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, intellectual property licenses, and general corporate matters. His clients span a broad range of industries, including e-commerce, Internet-based businesses, software, precision manufacturing, higher education and life sciences. He also represents several privately-held companies in an outside general counsel capacity, starting with pre-formation issues, progressing through several rounds of financing, through their sale or other exit transaction. In that capacity, he counsels entrepreneurs, investors and business leaders on the full range of legal issues that arise over the course of a company's lifetime, including general corporate matters (such as employment agreements, equity incentive plans, and intellectual property protection measures), and commercial contracts (such as manufacturing, development, distribution, supply and license agreements).

Marcus will be a terrific addition to our growing corporate team, says Christopher La Chance, head of the firm's Corporate and Securities practice group. His experience will be an asset to our clients and will enhance our existing corporate and emerging growth capabilities and help further strengthen our East Coast transactions platform.

Prior to joining VLP Law Group, Marcus was a partner at Shipman & Goodwin LLP for thirteen years, where he had previously been the leader of the Emerging & Technology Companies practice group and the Mergers & Acquisitions practice group. Before that, he spent four years with Shearman & Sterling LLP and three years with Morrison & Foerster LLP.

Mr. Wilkinson is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He has a B.A. from Haverford College and an M.B.A. from INSEAD (European Institute of Business Administration), where he was a Kitchener European Scholar. He is a member of the Bar in Connecticut, New York and California. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Business Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, and is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education seminars. He was designated as a Connecticut *SuperLawyer* in the field of Mergers and Acquisitions.

I am looking forward to working with VLP's talented team of attorneys within its highly innovative and cost-effective model, Mr. Wilkinson stated. My clients run their businesses in a lean, focused manner and I am very excited to be joining a law firm that shares their

philosophy.+

### **About VLP's Corporate Practice**

VLP has a broad-based corporate practice which is focused on the representation of start-up, middle market and later-stage companies across a range of industries, sectors and technologies, including life sciences, medical devices, clean tech and alternative energy, software, internet and e-commerce, telecommunications, semiconductors, advanced materials, consulting and professional services and government services, among others.

Our attorneys have an average of over ten years' experience, much of it with large national and global law firms, and leverage that experience every day to deliver corporate legal services at a high level of efficiency and cost-effectiveness to VLP's clients.

For more information regarding corporate-related legal services that VLP offers, please click on the following links: [Emerging Growth & Start-Up Companies](#); [M&A](#); and [Securities & Capital Raising](#). Additionally, we provide general corporate and business law advice, as well as assistance in general corporate matters.

**General Corporate Matters.** Our attorneys provide general corporate counseling to companies at all stages of growth. VLP's corporate attorneys strive to understand our clients' business and technology to allow us to better collaborate and provide advice with respect to ongoing operational and transactional matters. We also provide counsel and assistance to our clients in a number of related areas, including executive and general employee compensation and employment matters and tax structuring and counseling.

**Corporate Governance** VLP advises Boards of Directors and Board Committees with respect to a variety of corporate governance issues, including SEC and stock exchange rules and Sarbanes-Oxley matters.

### **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.