

Craig Winfield Johnson Passes Away

Palo Alto, Calif. – October 05, 2009. It is with deep sadness that Virtual Law Partners LLP (VLP) announces the sudden and unexpected passing of CEO and founding partner, Craig Winfield Johnson, due to a stroke suffered on Tuesday, September 29, 2009. The firm's executive committee and senior management will appoint an interim committee to take over Johnson's responsibilities until a new chief executive is named. Andrea Chavez, Executive Partner and Co-Founder, together with RoseAnn Rotandaro, President and Co-Founder, expressed the firm's commitment to further Johnson's vision, stating: "VLP's strong executive team and stellar partnership will successfully carry the firm forward."

Johnson, Rotandaro and Chavez co-founded VLP in 2008 with the goal of building a new kind of law firm to revolutionize the legal industry. Now over forty attorneys and growing rapidly, VLP represents corporate clients both in the United States and internationally, providing a full range of legal services for corporations ranging from start-ups to fully developed public companies.

Craig has long been respected in Silicon Valley as a brilliant legal mind, venture capitalist and entrepreneur. VLP is Craig's second 'new concept' law firm. In 1993, he co-founded Venture Law Group, whose client roster included such high profile companies as Yahoo!, Hotmail, and WebTV. A graduate of Stanford Law School, Craig began his law career at the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. He is also known as the co-founder of Garage Technology Ventures and Financial Engines, as well as numerous other high tech companies in Silicon Valley. Johnson received his undergraduate degree from Yale and worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. His passion for helping others, both personally and professionally, is reflected in his legacy.

Chief Operating Officer Cathryn Chinn said, "VLP benefits from incredibly talented and experienced attorneys across many practice areas. We will work together with our senior partners to fulfill Craig's vision of building a radically new law firm that provides outstanding legal service to corporations, at reduced billing rates, through a virtual model."

The family is planning a memorial service for Sunday, October 11. Details about the service will be announced shortly. All inquiries should be directed to our public relations firm ANW Networks, Inc.

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