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VLP Law Group LLP is pleased to announce this upcoming live web seminar:

## **Changes to the U.S. Patent System: First Inventor to File, and the Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act**

Wednesday, April 3, 2013  
10am - 11 am (PST) / 1 pm – 2 pm (EST)

The last major provisions of the America Invents Act (AIA) came into force on March 16, 2013 and encompass some of the most sweeping changes to U.S. patent law since the 1952 Patent Act. The last provisions include the AIA's signature change: a move to a first-inventor-to-file system with attendant changes to the scope of prior art under Section 102 of the patent statutes. These changes, which will be in effect for all new patent filings, require changes to patent prosecution strategies for inventors and legal counsels involved in developing and managing patent assets. The webinar will also cover the PTO's guidelines for examining patent applications in the first-inventor-to-file regime, as well as recent legislation that corrected provisions of the AIA that had already come into force, and the Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012 that accomplished further harmonization of worldwide patent laws and introduced a new international design filing procedure.

### **What You Will Learn**

Join VLP patent partner Richard Bone as he helps you navigate these provisions of the AIA. The presentation will cover the following topics, with a question and answer session at the end of the presentation:

- **First Inventor to File: practical implications; new definitions of prior art and grace period; and consideration of applications whose priority dates pre-date March 16, 2013.**
- **The AIA Technical Corrections Bill.**
- **The Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act.**

### **Intended Audience**

This webinar is intended for general counsels, in-house IP attorneys and any others who play a role in the development and management of intellectual property.

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