



## **VLP Expands its Commercial Lending Practice with Addition of Patrick Lawler and Jacob Dy-Johnson**

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**Palo Alto, CA (June 4, 2013)** – VLP Law Group LLP is very pleased to announce that Patrick Lawler and Jacob Dy-Johnson have joined the firm’s Commercial Lending practice. Mr. Lawler joins VLP as a partner from the Corporate Finance group of the Los Angeles office of O’Melveny and Myers. Mr. Dy-Johnson joins VLP as counsel (he was previously in the Palo Alto office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati).

“I am thrilled to have Patrick and Jacob join VLP’s Commercial Lending group. Patrick is a highly respected attorney in our field and his arrival will enhance our ability to serve our clients. Jacob has a considerable amount of experience with commercial lending transactions and will be a great addition to our team,” said David Lawson, chair of VLP’s Commercial Lending practice group.

Mr. Lawler has practiced corporate law for over 20 years, all at large law firms. He has worked in New York City where his practice focused on mergers, acquisitions, equity and debt offerings, syndicated commercial lending, SEC reporting and disclosure requirements, as well as other general corporate advice. Mr. Lawler has also worked in San Francisco, practicing in many of the same areas but also working with many clients in the technology, private equity, structured finance and oil and gas areas. Since 2008 Patrick has worked in Los Angeles for O’Melveny, once again expanding his practice, this time to include representation of entertainment companies, asset based lenders and small and large aircraft companies.

“I am very excited about joining VLP and look forward to working with my new colleagues. VLP is a great firm with a great business model, and offers an excellent platform from which I hope to continue to expand my practice with top-tier service with greater efficiency and lower costs, said Mr. Lawler.

Mr. Lawler received his J.D. from the University of Chicago in 1992. He received his A.B. with honors and distinction in Classical Studies from Stanford University in 1989, where he was the recipient of the Classics Undergraduate Scholarship, the Fairclough Prize and the Andersen Prize and a member of phi beta kappa.

## **About VLP's Commercial Lending Practice**

VLP's Commercial Lending Practice Group is dedicated to representing banks and other institutional lenders, borrowers, private equity funds, and venture capitalists in all aspects of structuring, negotiating, documenting, closing and working out loan, lease, and other credit transactions. The group's lawyers represent lenders and borrowers in regard to loan transactions in a wide variety of industries, including debt financings for:

- Early-Stage and Venture-Backed Technology Companies
- Life Sciences Companies
- Middle-Market Companies
- Later-Stage Companies

Transaction types include asset-based loan transactions, growth capital facilities, equipment loans, equipment leases, capital call facilities, senior, second-lien and mezzanine debt transactions, acquisition financings, loan transactions involving foreign entities, single lender transactions, and syndicated loan transactions. The clients of the Commercial Lending Practice Group are located across the United States, including California, Colorado, Washington, Texas, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Virginia.

In representing our clients, the Commercial Lending Practice Group attorneys utilize the expertise of attorneys in other practice areas within VLP (including securities, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, and tax) on an as-needed basis to ensure the best possible service to our clients. The combination of our expertise and our drive to be both responsive and economical, allows us to deliver an exceedingly high level of quality and value to our clients.