



## VLP Expands Technology Transaction Practice with Addition of Darius Kharabi

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**Los Angeles, CA (July 8, 2013)** – VLP Law Group is pleased to announce that Darius Kharabi has joined the firm as Partner in the Technology Transactions practice. Darius will be based in Los Angeles.

Mr. Kharabi advises companies in a variety of industries, with a focus on the health care and technology spaces. He represents clients in technology transactions including license, asset purchase, partnering, development, distribution, consulting, supply, and services arrangements. Mr. Kharabi has significant expertise in areas specific to medical device manufacturers such as clinical studies, sponsored research and contract development and manufacturing. Having worked on the company-side from concept to commercial product, Darius' practice includes both start-up and later stage companies.

“Darius will be a terrific addition to our growing Technology Transactions team,” said Baird Garrett, Chair of VLP’s Technology Transactions Group. “His impressive academic credentials and extensive experience practicing at a leading national law firm and as in-house counsel, will be an asset to our clients and will enhance our capabilities in the life sciences.”

Darius began his career in the Technology Transactions Group at Wilson Sonsini in Palo Alto, CA and San Diego, CA. Prior to joining VLP, he was Vice President, Corporate Development at OrthAlign, Inc., a commercial stage medical device company based in Orange County, CA where he served in business roles of increasing responsibility in addition to being sole in-house counsel. In his in-house capacity, Darius oversaw all legal matters, including technology transactions, intellectual property strategy, and general corporate. His business experience includes managing four company financings, three clinical studies, the launch of two products, and international distribution on four continents. This experience has given Darius a unique appreciation for the business environments that his clients operate in and has enabled him to give legal counsel with this in mind.

“I am excited to be a part of VLP’s vibrant and growing technology transactions team,” said Kharabi. “I look forward to expanding my practice and working with seasoned lawyers who provide counsel at lower prices than those at traditional law firms.”

Mr. Kharabi received his J.D. from Stanford Law School and his M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He received his B.S. in Biochemistry from Georgetown University, Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

### **About VLP's Technology Transactions Group**

VLP's Technology Transactions Group is comprised of seasoned attorneys with extensive experience in the representation of clients in domestic and international commercial transactions involving a wide range of technology and intellectual property assets. Our attorneys advise clients on the development, acquisition, commercialization, exploitation and disposition of technology and intellectual property in the software (including open source), hardware, networking, Internet, life sciences, clean tech and interactive media sectors in connection with hundreds of transactions each year. These transactions include strategic alliances, development agreements, manufacturing agreements, OEM agreements, distribution agreements, licensing agreements, complex commercial agreements, as well as terms of use and terms of service for web-based service offerings.

In addition to experience in private practice, many of VLP's Technology Transaction Group attorneys have significant in-house legal and business experience, so they understand the need to learn and secure the client's objectives in an efficient manner. When representing providers of technology products and services, our attorneys draw on a deep understanding of technologies, markets and business models, enabling them to apply sophisticated legal concepts using a practical, business-oriented approach that gets deals done, while protecting the interests of our clients. When representing buyers of technology products and services, our attorneys understand which issues matter most, so they can focus on what is important to the client.

### **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.