

Patent Attorney Richard Bone Joins Virtual Law Partners LLP

PALO ALTO, Calif., May 25 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Virtual Law Partners LLP is very pleased to announce that noted patent attorney Richard Bone has joined the firm as a partner from Fish & Richardson.

Dr. Bone's practice encompasses all aspects of patent preparation and prosecution, and post-grant review in technical fields such as pharmaceuticals, chemistry, biotechnology, materials, nanotechnology, medical devices, and computer science, and also in the patenting of designs. He has a particular focus on inter-disciplinary technologies. Dr. Bone's practice includes client counseling in worldwide patent portfolio strategy and management, and offering opinions on patent invalidity, non-infringement, and freedom to operate.

"We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Bone as a valuable addition to our Intellectual Property practice," stated Practice Leader David Roise. "Dr. Bone's extensive experience representing both large and small clients in fields ranging from biotechnology to computer software enhances our ability to support innovators across a wide array of technologies. His international experience is also extremely valuable in helping our clients protect their patent rights worldwide."

Dr. Bone was named a Northern California "Rising Star" in Super-Lawyers magazine for 2009. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, American Bar Association, and the American Intellectual Property Law Association, and is also a faculty member of Patent Resources Group (PRG).

"I believe VLP's innovative client-oriented and cost-effective model is the best platform for my practice," Dr. Bone stated. "With a model that puts the client first, and the group of attorneys that VLP has gathered, I believe that VLP is positioned to be one of the premier firms in providing services on corporate, transactional and intellectual property issues. I look forward to collaborating with VLP's excellent group of attorneys and working in an environment that will most benefit my clients."

Prior to joining VLP, Dr. Bone was a Principal in the Silicon Valley office of Fish & Richardson P.C. Dr. Bone received both a B.A. in Natural Sciences (First Class Honours) and a Ph.D. in Theoretical Chemistry from the University of Cambridge, UK, before spending a number of years in industry in the U.S. and the U.K. developing software for computer-aided molecular design. Dr. Bone earned his law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law. As a scientist, Dr. Bone authored and/or contributed to more than 20 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals. He has also published and presented at numerous forums in current areas of patent law. Dr. Bone is a member of the State Bar of California and the District of Columbia Bar, and is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

About VLP's Intellectual Property Practice:

VLP's [Intellectual Property practice](#) is dedicated to providing the best protection for our clients' intellectual property at the most cost-effective rates available. We provide services directed to meeting the particular needs and stage of development of our clients across a range of industries, including biotechnology, high technology, clean technology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, software and other cutting edge technologies. Our attorneys provide counseling, strategic advice and specific protection in all areas of intellectual property, including patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret.

About VLP:

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VLP's practice reaches across multiple industry sectors, including high tech, financing and venture capital, life sciences, clean tech, tax and real estate, and represents clients that vary in size from early-stage startups to Fortune 500 companies. "At VLP, we're dedicated to proving that expensive buildings don't provide great service – great people do."

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