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## **Silicon Valley Law Group Attracts Superb Litigator with Proven Track Record**

***Marc van Niekerk, Business & Technology Litigation, Intellectual Property***

**San Jose, Calif— June 23, 2011—** Silicon Valley Law Group, a boutique firm of expert attorneys, today announced that Marc van Niekerk, general business litigator for high technology clients, has joined the firm's litigation team as Special Counsel. This strategic new hire bolsters Silicon Valley Law Group's ability to provide deep bench strength when representing technology companies.

"Marc comes highly regarded by his technology clients for his ability to handle complicated matters, superb trial and presentation skills, and excellent legal reasoning and analysis," said Bernie Vogel, principal and CFO of Silicon Valley Law Group. "Marc is a part of our results-driven litigation team that values the client relationship and uses legal tools to solve business problems."

At Silicon Valley Law Group, Van Niekerk's practice focuses on business litigation, with special emphasis in intellectual property disputes, business torts and commercial contract disputes. He has extensive litigation and mediation experience involving trade secret theft, employee solicitation, technology licensing, IP infringement, false advertising, earn-out disputes, unfair competition, breach of fiduciary duty, and UCC issues.

"I am honored to be part of this firm of top notch attorneys who provide creative, timely, and cost-effective business and legal solutions to client's business matters," said Van Niekerk.

During the past two decades, Van Niekerk has provided legal advice, dispute resolution services, and litigation counseling and representation in California, Texas, and South Africa. He successfully represented a Fortune 500 company in a breach of contract claim in Santa Clara Superior Court against a purchaser of wafer fabrication equipment and obtained, and collected, a judgment of over \$11 million. In addition, Van Niekerk has been involved in several special and audit committee investigations.

Previously Van Niekerk served as special counsel at San Jose based Bergeson, LLP, as an attorney at Cooley Godward, LLP in Palo Alto, and as an associate with Abe Swersky & Associates in Cape Town, South Africa.

Van Niekerk holds law degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, with emphasis on intellectual property law, and the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He has been recognized as a "Northern California Super Lawyers" and named to the Leadership Development Committee of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers (ABTL), Northern California Chapter.

### **About Silicon Valley Law Group**

Silicon Valley Law Group is a highly reputable San Jose firm of expert business lawyers specializing in technology, corporate, securities, finance, real estate, land use, environmental, and litigation matters. Attentive, responsive, skilled, experienced, business-oriented attorneys work directly with clients on strategic matters and transactions. Our principals have a minimum of 25 years of direct business-related legal experience. All of our principals have been recognized

as “Super Lawyers” by both peers and independent research of *Law & Politics*, an honor awarded to only the top five percent of attorneys in the region. Silicon Valley Law Group is a trusted strategic partner that is results driven, values the client relationship, and uses legal tools to solve business problems. [www.svlq.com](http://www.svlq.com)

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