Super Lawyers Recognizes Giulio DeConti and James Velema

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BOSTON (October 21, 2013) – Two Lathrop Gage partners were recently recognized in the 2013 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine for Massachusetts. For intellectual property, Giulio DeConti (Intellectual Property – Boston) was recognized as a *Super Lawyer*, and James Velema (Intellectual Property – Boston) was selected as a "Rising Star."

DeConti has more than 25 years of experience practicing intellectual property law and specializes in intellectual property strategy in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and chemistry. He has been selected to the Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* list since 2005, has received a Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating, was named among the 2011-2012 *Best Lawyers in America*, and named a "Leading Lawyer" by *Chambers USA*.

Velema's practice includes patent preparation and prosecution, due diligence and opinion work in all areas of biotechnology, including biologic therapies, research tools, screening assays, bioprocessing and purification. A particular focus of his work has involved representing clients in the fields of RNA silencing and antibody technology. He assists a wide variety of clients ranging from start-ups and emerging biotechnology companies to large academic research institutions and Fortune 500 biotechnology companies.

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