



Giulio DeConti and James Velema Obtain 2015 Massachusetts Super Lawyers Recognition

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BOSTON (Oct. 23, 2015) – *Super Lawyers* recently announced that Lathrop Gage Partners Giulio DeConti and James Velema were selected among the 2015 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, respectively, for their Intellectual Property practices.

As Chair of the Intellectual Property Division and Partner in Charge of the Boston office, DeConti has more than 30 years of experience in Intellectual Property law. He specializes in intellectual property strategy in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and chemistry. DeConti works interactively with clients to build strong patent portfolios that protect the commercialization of biological, pharmaceutical, and chemical products and related technologies.

Velema focuses his practice on patent preparation and prosecution, due diligence and opinion work in all areas of biotechnology, including biologic therapies, research tools, screening assays, bioprocessing and purification. He represents clients in the fields of RNA silencing and antibody technology and 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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