

Press Release

Freeborn Partner Kathleen A. Ehrhart Among 2015 '40 Under Forty' Attorneys *Sixteen Freeborn Attorneys Recognized Over Program's 16-Year History*

CHICAGO – Oct. 6, 2015 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that [Kathleen A. Ehrhart](#), a Partner in the firm's Litigation Practice Group, has been named one of the Law Bulletin Publishing Company (LBPC) 2015 "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch." A Freeborn attorney has been named to the "40 Under Forty" each year since the list was started in 2000.

LBPC, the publisher of Chicago Lawyer magazine and the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, each year selects "40 of the most talented young attorneys practicing in Illinois" from among nominations made by other lawyers. The attorneys are evaluated on their lawyering skills, career achievements and contributions to the community and to the profession, as well as how quickly they have risen within their areas of practice. All honorees are under age 40 prior to May 1, 2015.

"We are thrilled that the Law Bulletin Publishing Company has named Kathleen one of its 2015 top attorneys under the age of 40," said [Michael J. Kelly](#), the firm's Co-Managing Partner. "Kathleen's skill set, business acumen and dedication to her clients are reflective of the qualities that we seek in our young attorneys, so many of whom also have been honored with LBPC's '40 Under Forty' recognition over the past 16 years."

Scott W. Fowkes, a partner with Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago who worked with Ms. Ehrhart for more than a decade when she was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis prior to joining Freeborn, said that Ms. Ehrhart was always "smart, tenacious and creative" in representing clients in some of the most challenging and complex litigation matters. These included representing BP in various litigations arising out of the accident on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil rig in 2010 and the resulting oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The complexity, scope and demands of this litigation were unprecedented," Mr. Fowkes said. "Kathy played a key role as part of a larger team, working collegially with clients, co-counsel from other law firms, opposing counsel, fact witnesses and expert witnesses."

Attorney Barry E. Fields said that Ms. Ehrhart, with whom he also worked previously at Kirkland & Ellis, delivers results for her clients.

"Over the years, I did not hesitate to give Kathy a challenging legal issue, a difficult witness or abundant time to interact with the client," Mr. Fields said. "As she became more senior, she continued to take on challenging cases that allowed her to deepen her skills. She never shied away from a challenging case, project, assignment or task, and she relished whatever opportunities were placed in front of her."

Ms. Ehrhart focuses her practice on complex commercial and class action, reinsurance, antitrust,

securities fraud, accountant liability, employment and breach of contract claims. She has acted as trial and appellate counsel in arbitrations and litigations in federal and state courts throughout the United States, representing a variety of corporations, businesses and professional firms. Ms. Ehrhart has extensive experience working with executives, senior management and in-house counsel of corporations in managing litigation as well as advising on litigation risks and strategy. She also has been a frequent speaker at reinsurance industry forums, often focusing on the emerging legal and claims issues resulting from sports-related head injuries.

Ms. Ehrhart earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and holds a B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In addition to her legal work, Ms. Ehrhart serves on the Board of Directors of the Glen Ellyn Newcomers, a not-for-profit organization that welcomes and connects families to the Glen Ellyn area.

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