

Press Release

Freeborn & Peters LLP and Brenner, Evans & Millman P.C. Announce Combination Driven By Client Interests

CHICAGO – May 2, 2016 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP www.freeborn.com](http://www.freeborn.com) is pleased to announce that as of May 1, 2016, the firm has further enhanced its client service capabilities through a combination with the highly regarded Richmond, Virginia law firm [Brenner, Evans & Millman P.C. www.brennerevansmillman.com](http://www.brennerevansmillman.com). The combined firm will be called Freeborn & Peters LLP.

The union was encouraged by a long-term client of both firms, and executes on the strategic growth plan of Freeborn & Peters LLP. The combination allows the expanded firm to better serve its clients through offices in Chicago, Illinois, Springfield, Illinois and Richmond, Virginia.

“We believe the joining of these two highly respected firms creates an even better future for the service of our clients. This decision reflects a focused strategy by Freeborn & Peters. We pick our spots deliberately, which is why the firm remains independent and successful,” said Michael Kelly, Co-Managing Partner, Freeborn & Peters LLP.

“We are excited about the combination of our firms. It expands our joint ability to deliver superior services to our clients,” said Theodore “Ted” Brenner, a founding partner of Brenner, Evans & Millman. Mr. Brenner will serve as the Managing Partner of the combined firm’s Richmond Office.

Both firms share similar cultures: thinking of the organizations as family, taking pride in excellent legal work and client service, encouraging training and advancement, and valuing a balanced life and community service.

The combination brings together the talents of six attorneys and eleven staff from Brenner Evans with approximately 120 attorneys and 110 staff from Freeborn. The united organization will also be able to make use of a comprehensive existing e-discovery and document management infrastructure.

“The highest priority and most successful combinations of law firms are those that meet client needs, like this between Freeborn & Peters LLP and Brenner, Evans & Millman P.C. There are other possible reasons, but this is the best one,” said John Smock, of Smock Law Firm Consultants www.smocksterling.com, a strategic consultant to many firms in the industry, including Freeborn & Peters.

Financial terms of the combination will not be made public, but the firms believe this is an accretive and mutually beneficial agreement.

ABOUT FREEBORN & PETERS

Freeborn & Peters LLP is a full-service law firm, headquartered in Chicago, with international capabilities. Freeborn is always looking ahead and seeking to find better ways to serve its clients. It takes a proactive approach to ensure its clients are more informed, prepared and able to achieve greater success – not just now, but also in the future. While the firm serves clients across a very broad range of sectors, it has also pioneered an interdisciplinary approach that serves the specific needs of targeted industries, including food, healthcare, transportation, private equity and venture capital, and insurance and reinsurance.

Freeborn is a firm that genuinely lives up to its core values of integrity, effectiveness, teamwork, caring, and commitment, and embodies them through high standards of client service and responsive action. Its lawyers build close and lasting relationships with clients and are driven to help them achieve their legal and business objectives.

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