

Freeborn & Peters Elects Three New Partners

CHICAGO, January 5, 2012 – Freeborn & Peters LLP is pleased to announce the election of three new partners: **Hillary P. Krantz**, **Verona “Missy” Sandberg** and **Garry L. Wills**. The three attorneys, all formerly associates and members of the firm’s Litigation Practice Group, were elected to the Freeborn & Peters partnership during last week’s equity partner meeting.

“We are pleased to welcome Hillary, Missy and Garry to our partnership,” said Michael Kelly, co-managing partner of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. “Their dedication to delivering the highest levels of client service on every matter on which they are engaged, along with their proven abilities as legal and business counselors, make them the type of professionals that we are proud to call our partners.”

Ms. Krantz, 40, focuses her practice on litigating and arbitrating medium to large-scale commercial matters, including breach of contract claims, business torts, antitrust claims, reinsurance and insurance matters, franchise and dealership claims, trademark and trade dress infringement, and class actions. Recently, Ms. Krantz represented a Fortune 100 company in an International Chamber of Commerce arbitration in Frankfurt, Germany, currently represents a major reinsurer in an arbitration involving multiple quota share reinsurance treaties pending in New York. She also counsels clients in several practice areas, including Antitrust and Trade Regulation, Reinsurance, and Franchise and Dealership Law.

Ms. Krantz earned her B.A. from Northwestern University and her J.D. from the Northwestern University School of Law.

Ms. Sandberg, 35, concentrates her practice on business litigation. She has worked on a wide range of cases dealing with breach of contract, antitrust, and employment law. Some of her representative antitrust matters have involved working with other Freeborn & Peters attorneys to successfully defend a global mining company against allegations of price-fixing and output restriction in a large multi-district litigation class action, as well as counseling a client regarding a potential merger with one of its competitors. Ms. Sandberg also has assisted various clients with breach-of-contract disputes in state and federal courts, as well as in arbitration proceedings. She also counsels clients regarding electronic discovery issues, including those related to the recent amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; litigation holds; and records management.

Ms. Sandberg earned her B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her J.D. from the Northwestern University School of Law.

Mr. Wills, 50, focuses his practice on complex commercial and employment litigation, including representing clients in actions for breach of contract, breach of warranty, breach of non-compete provisions, fraud, deceptive trade practices, and conspiracy. His experience includes jury and non-jury trials, as well as oral arguments before the Illinois Supreme Court and Illinois Appellate Courts. Mr. Wills is co-author of the 2008 IICLE *Illinois Contract Law* chapter, *Introduction and Essentials of Contract Formation*.

Mr. Wills earned his B.A. from Yale University, his M.A. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. While in law school, he served as an extern for the Honorable Milton I. Shadur, Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of

Illinois.

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