

## Press Release

### Chambers USA 2019 Highly Ranks Freeborn Real Estate Practice and Attorneys in Illinois

**CHICAGO – April 25, 2019** – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that *Chambers USA* has ranked the firm’s Real Estate practice and three Freeborn real estate attorneys in its 2019 legal industry guide.

Freeborn was ranked as among the top firms in Illinois for [Real Estate](#) and is listed as a “Recognised Practitioner” for [Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use](#). Also in Illinois, firm Partner [Mitchell A. Carrel](#) was ranked for Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use, firm Partner and Real Estate Practice Group Co-Leader [Richard J. Traub](#) was listed as a “Recognised Practitioner,” and attorney [Harry Leipsitz](#) was recognized as an “Associate to Watch.” All three attorneys are based in the firm’s Chicago office.

“We are very proud of the recognition for our real estate practice and attorneys in the 2019 edition of the prestigious *Chambers USA* guide,” said Freeborn Co-Managing Partner [William E. Russell](#). “We congratulate Mitch, Rich, and Harry, as well as our entire Real Estate team, for delivering consistently high-quality legal services to our clients on diverse and complex real estate matters.”

Freeborn’s Real Estate Practice Group offers clients the full spectrum of real estate-related legal services. Areas of focus include acquisition, disposition and asset management; construction services; development; environmental regulation; fund formation; land use and zoning; leasing; like-kind exchanges; litigation and dispute resolution; management, brokerage and other real estate consultancies; partnership and other entity structure and formation; real estate finance; renewable energy; tax planning for real estate transactions; tenant and corporate real estate; tenant in common structures; and TIC workouts.

In addition to the firm’s Real Estate Practice Group, Mr. Carrel is a member of Freeborn’s Food and Beverage, Transportation and Emerging Industries teams. He focuses on representing public and private companies, land owners, developers and investors and helping them secure land use and zoning approvals, public incentives, and local regulatory and siting approvals, as well as performing zoning due diligence. He also represents clients before local plan commissions, zoning boards and city councils.

A member of the Real Estate Practice Group, Mr. Traub focuses his practice on the acquisition, development, construction, leasing, financing and sale of mixed use developments, shopping centers and retail properties throughout the United States on behalf of national, regional and Chicago-based developers. His services include the negotiation of acquisition and disposition agreements, review of financing documents, structuring of construction contracts, preparation of complex retail and office leases, and the formulation of covenants, restrictions and operating agreements.

Also a member of the Real Estate Practice Group, Mr. Leipsitz concentrates his practice in the area of commercial real estate, with an emphasis on acquisitions, dispositions, financing, leasing, and development. His experience includes drafting purchase and sales agreements, commercial leases,

mortgages, and easements, and performing title reviews and other due diligence for real estate transactions.

Chambers and Partners ranks leading U.S. firms and attorneys based on in-depth research and interviews with attorneys' clients and peers. Chambers assesses attorneys on attributes most valued by clients, including technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence, and commitment. The *Chambers USA* guide is widely read by industry-leading companies and organizations nationwide. For more information, visit <https://www.chambersandpartners.com>.

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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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