

Press Release

Chambers USA 2020 Highly Ranks Freeborn Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice Group and Group Leader in Illinois

CHICAGO – May 1, 2020 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that *Chambers USA* has ranked the firm’s [Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice Group](#) along with the group’s leader, [Shelly DeRousse](#). In the 2020 edition of the *Chambers* guide that lists the top lawyers and law firms in the United States, firm Partner Shelly DeRousse was ranked in Illinois for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

“We are honored to receive recognition of our Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice Group and its leader Shelly DeRousse in the 2020 edition of the esteemed *Chambers USA* guide,” said Freeborn Co-Managing Partner [William E. Russell](#). “We congratulate Shelly, who works tirelessly to lead the firm’s Bankruptcy group and serve clients dealing with financial distress.”

Freeborn’s Bankruptcy practice group advises clients affected by financial situations. The group provides creditor clients with a cross-functional team of bankruptcy, tax, restructuring, finance and litigation specialists who have extensive experience on creditors’ rights issues. The team provides our lender clients with the most cost-effective and practical workout solutions while zealously pursuing their fundamental business goal of achieving complete and timely repayment of loans or recovery of other assets.

The Bankruptcy group provides legal services across a broad scope of areas, including: traditional bankruptcy services like representing debtors and secured and unsecured creditors, financial restructurings and workouts, creditors’ committees, secured creditors’ rights, international insolvency, and fraud.

[Ms. DeRousse](#) has extensive experience in the areas of bankruptcy, reorganization, litigation and asset sales. As lead counsel, Shelly has represented official creditors’ committees throughout the country in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Additionally, she represents companies and high earning individuals in their restructurings or workout negotiations with their lenders and other creditors. She is also known among banks and other financial institutions as a leading attorney for lenders in bankruptcy cases, out-of-court workouts of borrowers’ loans, and assignments for the benefit of creditors, using creative solutions to maximize the lenders’ recovery from collateral and other assets.

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Freeborn & Peters LLP is a full-service law firm with international capabilities and offices in Chicago, Ill.;

New York, N.Y.; Richmond, Va.; Springfield, Ill.; and Tampa, Fla. 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.

Freeborn's major achievements in litigation are reflective of the firm's significant growth over the last several years and its established reputation as a Litigation Powerhouse®. Freeborn has one of the largest litigation departments among full-service firms of its size – currently with more than 90 litigators, which represents about two-thirds of the firm's lawyers.

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. For more information, please visit www.freeborn.com.

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