

## Press Release

### Chambers USA 2020 Highly Ranks Freeborn Environment and Energy Law Attorneys in Illinois

**CHICAGO – April 29, 2020** – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that *Chambers USA* has again ranked the Co-Leaders of the firm’s [Environment and Energy Law Practice Group](#).

In the 2020 edition of the Chambers guide that lists the top lawyers and law firms in the United States, firm Partner [Philip L. Comella](#) was ranked in Illinois for [Environment: Litigation](#), and Firm Partner [Christopher J. Townsend](#) was ranked in Illinois for [Energy & Natural Resources: Regulatory](#).

“We are very thrilled about the recognition of our Environment & Energy Law attorneys in the 2020 edition of the acclaimed *Chambers USA* guide,” said Freeborn Co-Managing Partner [William E. Russell](#). “We congratulate Phil and Chris, who have created and grown a strong and strategic group that serves clients in both the environmental and energy sectors.”

Freeborn has assembled a diverse group of environmental lawyers whose skills range from traditional areas – such as Superfund, hazardous and solid waste, PCBs, the Clean Air Act, and Brownfields – to emerging areas – such as naturally occurring radioactive materials, landfill gas, vapor intrusion, and electronic waste.

Freeborn’s nationally recognized energy lawyers have more than two decades of experience helping forward-thinking energy market participants navigate their way through the ever-changing landscape of the energy industry, assisting with a broad range of transactional, regulatory, litigation, and government relations matters.

[Mr. Comella’s](#) practice spans both regulatory counseling and environmental-based litigation. With more than three decades of experience in environmental law, and a focus on the solid and hazardous waste industry, he regularly counsels owners and operators of landfills, treatment facilities, recycling operations, and waste generators on compliance and permitting matters arising under the environmental laws.

[Mr. Townsend](#) has over two decades of experience representing forward-thinking energy market participants, both individually and in coalitions, develop, defend and improve the structures for effective and efficient competition in the energy markets. He regularly provides guidance to entities other than the local utilities, including advising large industrial, institutional and commercial energy users, municipalities and other governmental entities with energy-related issues; assisting alternative electricity and natural gas suppliers in developing the structures for energy markets; representing energy project developers on complex and cutting-edge projects; and assisting numerous other large-scale energy industry participants.

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>.

#### **ABOUT FREEBORN & PETERS**

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](http://www.freeborn.com).

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