

Press Release

Freeborn Antitrust & Trade Regulation Group and Attorneys Recognized by Chambers USA 2014

CHICAGO – June 2, 2014 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that the firm and three Freeborn attorneys have been ranked for Antitrust law in Illinois in the 2014 edition of *Chambers USA*. The recognition involves the firm's [Antitrust and Trade Regulation Group](#), which tries complex antitrust and trade regulation cases throughout the United States and assists clients in international proceedings before such bodies as the Canadian Competition Tribunal and the European Commission.

In the rankings evaluations, clients individually praised Freeborn Partners [Jeffery M. Cross](#), [David C. Gustman](#) and [Eugene F. Zelek, Jr.](#) for their work involving antitrust counseling and compliance, merger clearance and complex litigation.

"We are proud that our firm's antitrust team and its work have again been recognized by *Chambers USA*. It is particularly gratifying to know that our clients appreciate our practical, business-oriented approach and are pleased to tell *Chambers* about it," said Zelek, Co-Leader of the Antitrust & Trade Regulation Group."

Chambers rankings are determined through independent research and confidential, in-depth interviews with clients and attorneys, as well as assessment of the volume, complexity and scope of the firm's and attorneys' work. According to *Chambers*, Freeborn's Antitrust & Trade Regulation Group garnered clients' praise for responsiveness and thoroughness and for providing good value. One client commented, "We're very pleased with their work ... they have an excellent command of antitrust law."

Another client noted, "Freeborn's contingent of three ranked individuals is impressive"

Clients and other sources offered specific comments about the firm's three ranked antitrust attorneys:

- Cross, a member of the Litigation Practice Group, was described by a client as having "a very good understanding of the interplay between economics and antitrust." Another commentator remarked that Cross is "as good as anyone in the upper-level firms."
- Gustman was described by sources as a "strong trial lawyer" who "shows very good judgment." *Chambers* quoted a market commentator about Gustman and Cross: "I saw Jeff Cross and David Gustman in action. They did a terrific job. David is a very, very strong general commercial litigator. A good, strong trial lawyer."
- Zelek, a member of the Corporate and Litigation Practice Groups and Co-Leader of the Antitrust & Trade Regulation Group, was described as "a very pragmatic and solution-oriented guy, not just ticks and crosses. Rarely is anything black and white in this industry but [Zelek] is a very

solution-oriented guy. ... We brought [Zelek] in on a case and we ended up with a very favorable outcome.”

Freeborn’s Antitrust & Trade Regulation Group attorneys have counseled clients and defended large antitrust and trade regulation cases on a variety of issues, including Sherman Act Section 1 and Section 2, the Robinson-Patman Act, Hart-Scott-Rodino merger planning and notification, and international joint ventures. The Group is part of the firm’s Litigation Practice Group, which includes more than 70 attorneys. The Litigation Practice Group utilizes the firm’s highly sophisticated, in-house E-Discovery Lab and deploys pioneering techniques for making decisions about legal strategy, often allowing opposing parties to resolve matters quickly.

The *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* guide annually ranks the leading U.S. firms and attorneys in a wide range of practice areas and is read and used for referral purposes by industry-leading companies and organizations worldwide.

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Freeborn is a firm that genuinely lives up to its core values of integrity, caring, effectiveness, teamwork, 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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