

Press Release

Freeborn Expands IP Litigation Practice with Two Lateral Hires

CHICAGO – Jan. 10, 2014 – Chicago-based law firm [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) has recruited two new partners to its IP Litigation Practice Group. **Edward H. Rice** and **Marina N. Saito** both focus their practices on patent litigation and have extensive trial experience.

“The depth of Ed and Marina’s trial experience sets them apart from many of their peers in the intellectual property space,” said [Joseph Fogel](#), team leader of the firm’s Intellectual Property Litigation Group. “We are pleased to have them on board and look forward to their contributions to our clients and the firm.”

Both attorneys were formerly partners at Loeb & Loeb LLP before opening their own practice, Hopensfeld Singer Rice & Saito LLP.

“For years, Marina and I have worked together to help clients with their intellectual property needs,” Ed said. “We are happy to have the opportunity to continue to work alongside one another as part of the Freeborn team and look forward to putting our knowledge of patent litigation to use for the firm.”

ABOUT EDWARD H. RICE:

[Edward H. Rice](#) is a trial and appellate lawyer who, since 1988, has focused primarily on patent cases and other technology disputes. He has first-chaired and won trials in every patent litigation venue in the country: federal district courts, the International Trade Commission and the Court of Federal Claims. Ed launched his appellate career in 1992, when he won a difficult *en banc* Federal Circuit argument in a trade secret case. Over his career, Ed has handled a wide range of patented technologies – including integrated circuits, pharmaceuticals, Internet business methods, anti-missile systems and just about everything in between. He also has successfully represented clients on trademark and copyright matters, once representing several well-known Hollywood figures in a copyright jury trial involving a blockbuster movie.

Ed received his *Juris Doctor* from the University of Michigan Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan.

ABOUT MARINA N. SAITO:

[Marina N. Saito](#) is a trial lawyer who focuses primarily on intellectual property litigation. As a former patent prosecutor with technical degrees in computer science and biology, as well as an advanced degree in electrical engineering, Marina provides in-depth analyses on a wide-range of technologies. She has handled cases involving everything from semiconductor fabrication to wireless telecommunications

to growth-factor neutralizing antibodies. Marina's ability to integrate her technology experience with rigorous legal analysis has led to trial victories in federal district court and the International Trade Commission.

Marina received her *Juris Doctor* from Chicago-Kent College of Law/Illinois Institute of Technology. She also holds a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering and dual Bachelor of Science degrees in computer science and biology from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

ABOUT FREEBORN & PETERS

Freeborn & Peters LLP is a full-service law firm, headquartered in Chicago, with international capabilities. 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, including food, transportation, private equity and venture capital and insurance and reinsurance.

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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