

Press Release

Freeborn Practice Groups, Attorneys Ranked in 2015 Chambers USA Guide

CHICAGO – May 20, 2015 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that the 2015 edition of the *Chambers USA* legal industry referral guide has recognized four of the firm’s practice areas and eight Freeborn attorneys as among the top leaders in Illinois.

Published by London-based Chambers and Partners, the *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* directory annually ranks the leading U.S. firms and attorneys in a wide range of practice areas based on in-depth research and client and peer interviews. The *Chambers USA* guide is read by industry-leading companies and organizations worldwide.

“We are extremely proud of the recognition that our practice groups and attorneys have received from *Chambers USA*,” said Michael Moynihan, the firm’s Co-Managing Partner. “There is no higher praise than that which comes from our clients and peers who value our practical, business-oriented approach to helping our clients reach and exceed their goals.”

The following Freeborn practice groups were ranked in the 2015 *Chambers USA* guide:

Antitrust: Freeborn’s Antitrust & Trade Regulation Group, which is one of the firm’s largest practice groups, tries complex antitrust and trade regulation cases throughout the United States and assists clients in international proceedings in various jurisdictions, including the EU and Canada. The group also provides trade regulation counseling on such issues as international mergers and acquisitions, pricing and distribution channels, and exclusive dealing arrangements. The group is part of the firm’s Litigation Practice Group, which includes more than 70 attorneys.

Litigation: General Commercial: Nearly half of the firm’s attorneys are litigators who represent clients ranging from emerging growth companies to Fortune 500 corporations in a variety of complex and often high-profile disputes. Clients have included large national and international manufacturing companies, banks, real estate firms, construction companies, high-technology firms, restaurant companies and public entities. Freeborn’s national litigation practice has represented corporations in virtually every U.S. state.

Media and Entertainment: Transactional: The firm’s Media & Entertainment practice focuses on intellectual property and information technology, as well as marketing-related law. The group’s IP focus covers trademark and copyright law; Internet, technology, outsourcing and computer law; advertising and promotion law; and entertainment law, including video production, theater and dance-related matters. In the area of marketing law, the group’s attorneys apply extensive counseling, transactional and litigation experience on behalf of a wide variety of leading consumer and industrial businesses and consulting firms throughout the world.

Real Estate: The practice covers the gamut of real estate matters for clients from all sectors. 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. Among the group's attorneys are former developers, city planners, accountants, business owners and general counsel.

The following Freeborn attorneys were ranked in the 2015 *Chambers USA* guide:

Mitchell A. Carrel: A Partner in the Real Estate Practice Group, Mr. Carrel was ranked for Illinois, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use. 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.

Jeffery M. Cross: A Partner in the Litigation Practice Group, Mr. Cross was ranked for Illinois, Antitrust. He possesses nearly 40 years of experience representing clients throughout the country on all aspects of antitrust litigation and counseling, including mergers and acquisitions. His experience also involves securities fraud, contracts, real estate, environmental regulations, libel and slander, false advertising, commercial code and trade regulation issues.

Andrew L. Goldstein: A Partner in the Corporate Practice Group, Mr. Goldstein was ranked for Illinois, Media & Entertainment: Transactional. He focuses his practice in the areas of intellectual property and information technology. His experience includes trademark, trade dress and copyright law; Internet, website, cloud computing, technology, outsourcing and computer law in general; advertising, marketing, and promotion law; and entertainment law, including video production, theater and dance-related matters.

Mark R. Goodman: A Partner in the Corporate Practice Group, Mr. Goodman was ranked for Illinois, Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory. He has three decades of experience advising the insurance industry on corporate, regulatory and transactional matters. His clients have included insurance holding companies, insurers, producers, agents and brokers, and managing general agents. He also advises non-traditional sellers of insurance on insurance programs, including trade associations, retailers, banks and savings associations, and leasing and finance companies.

David C. Gustman: A Partner in and Head of the Litigation Practice Group and Co-Head of the Antitrust Practice Group, Mr. Gustman is ranked for Illinois, Antitrust. A former member and chairman of the firm's Executive Committee, he has handled and served as lead trial counsel on a variety of complex business litigation matters involving antitrust, accounting, banking, bankruptcy, construction, finance, insurance coverage and broker disputes, real estate and securities.

Richard Lauter: A Partner in and Leader of the Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice Group, Mr. Lauter is ranked for Illinois, Bankruptcy/Restructuring. He has more than 30 years of experience representing and advising financial institutions, real estate firms, corporations and bankruptcy trustees in all aspects of creditors' rights and insolvency matters, including the reorganization of financially distressed companies in the United States.

Joseph T. McCullough: A Partner in and Leader of the Insurance/Reinsurance Practice Group and a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group, Mr. McCullough is ranked for Illinois, Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance. For more than 25 years, he has acted as counsel to insurers and reinsurers in more than 100 arbitrations and court proceedings across the United States, as well as in Bermuda, England and Continental Europe, including some of the highest profile cases in the industry. Mr. McCullough also is a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Eugene F. Zelek: A Partner in and Co-Leader of the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Practice Group and a Partner in the Corporate and Litigation Practice Groups, Mr. Zelek is ranked for Illinois, Antitrust and Illinois, Media & Entertainment: Transactional. He focuses his practice on marketing-related law, with emphasis in areas including antitrust, pricing and distribution, branding, licensing, intellectual property, entertainment, strategic alliances, supply relationships, complex contracts, advertising and new product development.

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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 credit unions, 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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