

## Press Release

### **Freeborn Partners David C. Gustman, Jill C. Anderson and Jeffery M. Cross Recognized by National Law Journal as 2015 'M&A and Antitrust Trailblazers'**

**CHICAGO – October 7, 2015** – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that the firm's Partners [David C. Gustman](#), [Jill C. Anderson](#) and [Jeffery M. Cross](#) have been named to the National Law Journal (NLJ) 2015 list of M&A and Antitrust Trailblazers, which recognizes the top legal professionals in these practice areas.

The citation in the Trailblazer edition reads, in relevant part:

*The government's investigation into alleged price fixing by sulfuric acid producers began with a "dawn raid" of their facilities. It was originally a criminal matter, which continued several years and eventually became the basis for class actions, which were ultimately consolidated in the Seventh Circuit. After 14 years, Judge Posner found for the defense.*

*"The key to the case was the argument that there was plausible pro-competitive justification for the behavior our client was involved in," says Cross. In this case, Judge Posner ruled that the "shutdown agreements" at issue could have plausibly been viewed as a way for Canadian companies to enter the U.S. market with less risk.*

*"The case is a demonstration that when the defendant genuinely believes it has done the right thing and sticks with it, it can be vindicated. Other defendants settled due to the high stakes, but our client felt it had done no wrong and would not settle just because it faced a \$500 million downside," says Gustman.*

"We congratulate David, Jill and Jeff on their successes on behalf of our clients and for their leadership within the firm that has earned them this distinction from National Law Journal as among the nation's top M&A and antitrust attorneys," said [Michael J. Kelly](#), the firm's Co-Managing Partner.

Head of the Litigation Practice Group and Co-Leader of the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Group, Mr. Gustman also is a former member and former Chairman of Freeborn's Executive Committee. For 35 years, 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. Mr. Gustman provides antitrust counsel to joint ventures, trade associations, research consortiums and companies involved in mergers and acquisitions, as well as those facing antitrust claims.

Anderson is a member of the Litigation Practice Group and Leader of the firm's Complex Litigation and Antitrust Team. She represents clients in appellate matters and all phases of complex litigation, with a particular focus on critical and dispositive trial motions in complex cases. Ms. Anderson's experience

includes the representation of large corporations, small businesses and individuals in a wide range of state and federal commercial matters, including antitrust, real estate, class action, product liability, breach of contract and other complex disputes.

A member of the Litigation Practice Group, Mr. Cross has nearly four decades of experience representing a variety of corporations and businesses on antitrust, securities fraud, contract, real estate, environmental regulations, libel and slander, false advertising, commercial code, and trade regulation issues. He also has experience in distribution and franchise law as well as mergers and acquisitions, including counseling clients in the area, working with economists to develop economic support for mergers and acquisitions, responding to government requests for documents and data, and negotiating with the government.

The Antitrust & M&A Trailblazers honorees were featured in the NLJ in September. The NLJ debuted its Trailblazers & Pioneers lists in 2013. In addition to Antitrust & M&A, the 2015 NLJ Trailblazers & Pioneers series includes Litigation, Energy & Environmental, and Regulatory & Compliance. The NLJ is published by ALM, a global leader in specialized business news and information. The full Trailblazer citation is available at this link:

[http://pdfserver.amlaw.com/nlj/flipbook/MAA\\_Trailblazers/MAA\\_Trailblazers\\_2015.html#p=3](http://pdfserver.amlaw.com/nlj/flipbook/MAA_Trailblazers/MAA_Trailblazers_2015.html#p=3).

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