

## Press Release

### Chambers USA 2016 Ranks Four Freeborn Practice Groups and Eight Attorneys

**CHICAGO – May 27, 2016** – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that Chambers USA has ranked four of the firm’s practice areas and eight Freeborn attorneys as among the top leaders in Illinois for 2016.

The ranked practice areas are Antitrust, Litigation: General Commercial, Media & Entertainment: Transactional, and Real Estate. Chambers USA has also recognized the firm’s Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring practice. Freeborn attorneys ranked in 2016 are Mitchell A. Carrel, Philip L. Comella, Jeffery M. Cross, Andrew L. Goldstein, Mark R. Goodman, David C. Gustman, Joseph T. McCullough and Eugene F. Zelek.

“We are delighted that Freeborn has once again been recognized by the prestigious Chambers USA publication for our attorneys and service offerings that are among the top ranked in the state,” said [Michael J. Kelly](#), the firm’s Co-Managing Partner. “These rankings demonstrate our success at meeting and exceeding our clients’ expectations in helping them achieve their business goals.”

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

The following is additional information about Freeborn’s ranked practice groups.

**[Antitrust:](#)** Freeborn’s Antitrust and 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 Canadian Competition Tribunal and the European Commission. The group counsels clients and defends large antitrust and trade regulation cases on a variety of issues, and represents plaintiffs seeking redress under antitrust and trade regulation laws. Including former business managers and in-house counsel, the Antitrust and Trade Regulation attorneys are 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 have represented corporations in virtually every U.S. state. Clients range from emerging growth companies to Fortune 500 corporations in a variety of complex and often high-profile disputes. These have included large national and international manufacturing companies, banks, real estate firms, construction companies, high-technology firms, restaurant companies and public entities. Freeborn uses its state-of-the-art, in-house E-Discovery Lab to control clients’ costs, gain control over the process and provide a comprehensive solution to data management.

[Media and Entertainment: Transactional](#): The firm's Media & Entertainment practice focuses on intellectual property (IP) and information technology (IT), as well as marketing-related law. In the areas of IP and IT, the practice includes 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. Marketing law areas of emphasis include antitrust, pricing and distribution, as well as branding, licensing, entertainment, strategic alliances, supply relationships, complex contracts, advertising and new product development.

[Real Estate](#): The group includes some of the most experienced and highly regarded attorneys from national and boutique law firms, as well as former developers, city planners, accountants, business owners and general counsel. The practice offers clients the full spectrum of real estate-related legal services. 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.

[Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring](#): Freeborn's Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring practice provides the firm's creditor clients with a cross-functional team of bankruptcy, tax, restructuring, finance and litigation attorneys who have extensive experience on creditors' rights issues. The group's services cover a broad scope of areas including traditional bankruptcy, financial restructurings and workouts, creditors' committees, secured creditors' rights, international insolvency, and fraud.

The following is additional information about Freeborn's ranked attorneys:

[Mitchell A. Carrel](#): A Partner in the Real Estate Practice Group, Mr. Carrel is ranked for 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.

[Philip L. Comella](#): A Partner in the Litigation Practice Group, Mr. Comella is ranked in Environment: Litigation. He concentrates his business in environmental and toxic tort law. With over three decades of experience in environmental law, and a focus on the solid and hazardous waste industry, he regularly counsels operators of landfills, treatment systems, recycling operations, transporters, and waste generators on compliance and permitting matters arising under the environmental laws and Department of Transportation regulations.

[Jeffery M. Cross](#): A Partner in the Litigation Practice Group, Mr. Cross is ranked for Antitrust. He possesses nearly 40 years of experience representing clients on antitrust, securities fraud, contract, real estate, environmental regulations, libel and slander, false advertising, commercial code and trade regulation issues. His experience also involves distribution and franchise law. His mergers and acquisitions (M&A) work includes counseling clients, working with economists to develop economic support for M&A, responding to government requests for documents and data, and negotiating with the government.

[Andrew L. Goldstein](#): A Partner in the Corporate Practice Group, Mr. Goldstein is ranked for 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. As a member of the Food Industry Team, he also has extensive experience counseling food companies in areas of intellectual property law.

[Mark R. Goodman](#): A Partner in the Corporate Practice Group and a member of the Insurance and Reinsurance, and Transportation Teams, Mr. Goodman is ranked for Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory. He has three decades of experience advising the insurance industry on corporate, regulatory and transactional matters. His clients in complex, high-profile matters 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 Antitrust. Also a former member and chairman of the 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. He provides antitrust counsel to joint ventures, trade associations, research consortiums and companies involved in mergers and acquisitions, as well as those facing antitrust claims.

[Joseph T. McCullough](#): A Partner in and Leader of the Insurance/Reinsurance Practice Group, a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group and a member of the Executive Committee, Mr. McCullough is ranked for Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance. For more than 30 years, he has devoted his practice to representation of insurance and reinsurance companies. He has acted as counsel to insurers and reinsurers in more than 125 arbitrations, court, and administrative proceedings across the United States as well as in Bermuda, England, Continental Europe and Australia, including some of the highest-profile cases in the industry.

[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 Antitrust and Media & Entertainment: Transactional. He focuses his practice on marketing-related law, applying extensive counseling, transactional and litigation experience on behalf of a wide variety of leading consumer and industrial businesses and consulting firms throughout the world. His areas of emphasis include antitrust, pricing and distribution, as well as branding, licensing, intellectual property, entertainment, strategic alliances, supply relationships, complex contracts, advertising and new product development.

## **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, healthcare, 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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