

Press Release

Chambers USA 2016 Ranks Freeborn Litigation Practices and Attorneys

CHICAGO – May 27, 2016 – Freeborn & Peters LLP is pleased to announce that the 2016 edition of Chambers USA has ranked the firm's General Commercial Litigation and Antitrust practices, along with Litigation Partners Jeffery M. Cross, David C. Gustman and Joseph T. McCullough, for Illinois.

"We are delighted that Chambers USA has once again recognized Jeff, David and Joe, along with Freeborn's Litigation practices, as among the leaders 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 firm's Litigation Practice Group includes more than 70 attorneys, and more than half of Freeborn's attorneys are litigators, who have represented corporations in virtually every U.S. state. The firm's General Commercial Litigation 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.

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, whose attorneys include former in-house counsel and business managers, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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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