

## Press Release

### Twelve Freeborn Attorneys Selected as 2017 'Best Lawyers'

**CHICAGO – Aug. 15, 2016** – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that *The Best Lawyers in America*® has named 12 Freeborn attorneys to its 2017 directory, which is one of the most highly regarded lawyer-rating publications in the United States.

“We congratulate all of our *Best Lawyers* honorees who continue to be recognized each year for their accomplishments and successes as among the top leaders in a broad range of practice areas,” said [Michael A. Moynihan](#), the firm’s Co-Managing Partner.

The Freeborn attorneys who were named 2017 *Best Lawyers*, along with their recognized practice areas, are:

- [Roger H. Bickel](#) (Government Relations Practice) – a Partner in and Chairman of the Government and Regulatory Law Practice Group. He concentrates his practice in the areas of government relations and regulatory law, litigation and dispute resolution, lobbying and corporate representation, and procurement advocacy. He has more than two decades of experience in representing a wide array of clients in complex regulatory law matters and commercial litigation.
- [Theodore I. Brenner](#) (Insurance Law) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He has served as trial and appellate counsel in hundreds of civil matters in state and federal courts over his 38-year career. His practice areas of focus include insurance coverage disputes, litigation of claims against insurers, brokers and agents, bad faith litigation, and fraud investigations.
- [Joel T. Cooper](#) (Real Estate Law) – a Partner in the Real Estate and Corporate Practice Groups. He focuses on transactions including acquisitions, dispositions, development, and partnership and joint venture formation, with a special emphasis on private equity fund formation and private equity investment.
- [Jeffery M. Cross](#) (Antitrust Law) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He represents 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.
- [Ronald S. Evans](#) (Family Law) – a Richmond, Va.-based Partner in the Family and Personal Law Practice Group. Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 1993, he focuses his practice on complex family law matters, including valuation of closely held corporations and professional practices for purposes of Equitable Distribution, ERISA and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders, custody, visitation and support of children, and support of spouses.
- [Andrew L. Goldstein](#) (Copyright Law, Entertainment Law – Motion Pictures and Television) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group. He has more than 30 years of experience counseling clients in the areas of intellectual property and information technology law. He also has handled

matters in the areas of advertising and promotion law, and media and entertainment law, including video production-, theater- and dance-related matters.

- [Mark R. Goodman](#) (Insurance Law) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group. He has three decades of experience advising the insurance industry on corporate, regulatory and transactional matters. He has represented a wide range of clients – including insurance holding companies, insurers, producers, agents and brokers, and managing general agents – in complex, high-profile matters. He also advises non-traditional sellers of insurance on insurance programs.
- [David C. Gustman](#) (Antitrust Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust) – a Partner in and Head of the Litigation Practice Group and Co-Leader of the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Group. He also is a former member and former Chairman of the firm’s Executive Committee. He focuses his practice on complex business litigation cases involving antitrust, accounting, banking, bankruptcy, construction, finance, insurance coverage and broker disputes, real estate, and securities.
- [John E. Stevens](#) (Government Relations Practice) – a Springfield, Ill.-based Partner in the Government and Regulatory Law Practice Group. He has more than 35 years of experience in assisting clients with legislative, regulatory, government procurement and public employee collective bargaining issues. He also assists corporate and not-for-profit clients with their legal issues, including economic development issues. He also currently serves as a Special Assistant Attorney General in high stakes litigation involving a statewide elected official. He previously served as general counsel to the Illinois attorney general and two Illinois comptrollers.
- [Eileen B. Trost](#) (Trusts and Estates, Litigation – Trusts and Estates) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group who focuses her practice in estate planning, trust and estate administration, and related income tax issues. She has extensive experience in all aspects of estate, gift, generation-skipping and income tax planning for trusts and estates. Of particular note is her experience in advising corporate fiduciaries and high-net worth clients.
- [Alexander S. Vesselinovitch](#) (Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He concentrates his practice on civil and criminal litigation involving breach of contract, anti-fraud, intellectual property and antitrust matters. He also handles domestic and international commercial arbitrations involving various contractual and licensing disputes.
- [Eugene F. Zelek, Jr.](#) (Advertising Law) – a Partner in the Corporate and Litigation Practice Groups and Co-Leader of the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Group. He focuses his practice on marketing-related law with areas of emphasis that include antitrust, pricing and distribution as well as branding, licensing, intellectual property, entertainment, strategic alliances, supply relationships, complex contracts, advertising and new product development.

*Best Lawyers in America* has been published since 1983 and is currently in its 23<sup>rd</sup> edition. *Best Lawyers* selects attorneys for its guide by conducting peer-review surveys of leading lawyers who are asked to evaluate their professional peers. Honorees must maintain votes in subsequent polls to remain on the list for each edition. Lawyers are not permitted to pay any fee to participate in or be included on the list.

## 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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