

## Press Release

### **Freeborn Welcomes Attorneys Kenneth M. Crane and Rita W. Garry to Corporate Practice Group**

**CHICAGO – March 10, 2017** – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that attorneys [Kenneth M. Crane](#) and [Rita W. Garry](#) have joined the firm’s Chicago office as members of the Corporate Practice Group. Mr. Crane is a Partner and Ms. Garry serves as Senior Counsel.

“Kenneth and Rita both bring extensive experience in corporate and business law matters on behalf of clients in diverse industries,” said Freeborn’s Co-Managing Partner [Michael A. Moynihan](#). “We are enthusiastic about having these two join our corporate practice, which focuses on helping middle-market companies and businesses of all sizes meet their challenges and achieve their full potential.”

Mr. Crane is a deal lawyer who represents private equity, venture capital and family office clients, focusing on acquisitions and sale transactions. He works with entrepreneurs and companies from inception through closing of realization transactions. He also represents the portfolio companies of his private equity, emerging growth and other clients in a wide range of commercial transactions and legal matters, including equity-based compensation plans, manufacturing, distribution and sales agreements, and intellectual property licensing and development. Mr. Crane most recently was a partner with Perkins Coie LLP.

Mr. Crane earned his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Ms. Garry focuses her practice on serving as outside general counsel to many small and middle market companies across an array of industries. With over 30+ years’ experience, Ms. Garry works closely with business owners, executive management teams, and stakeholders throughout the business’ life cycles, including entity design and maintenance, commercial transactions, mergers, acquisitions, business sales, joint ventures, corporate governance and succession planning. Additionally, Ms. Garry works to assist clients in capital market transactions and finance, including private securities offerings under Regulation D and the new equity crowdfunding exemption. She most recently was a corporate and transactional partner at Golan Christie Taglia LLP. Previously, she served as a partner and chair of the corporate practice group at SmithAmundsen LLC.

Ms. Garry earned her law degree from Boston University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts from Lake Forest College.

#### **ABOUT FREEBORN & PETERS**

Freeborn & Peters LLP is a full-service law firm, headquartered in Chicago, with international capabilities and offices in Springfield, Ill.; Richmond, Va.; and New York City. 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, effectiveness, teamwork, caring 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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