

## **Press Release**

## Freeborn Welcomes Timothy J. McCaffrey to Construction Services Group McCaffrey is an experienced litigator, former partner at Winston & Strawn LLP

CHICAGO – Nov. 5, 2014 – The Chicago-based law firm Freeborn & Peters LLP has announced that Timothy J. McCaffrey has joined the firm as a Partner in its Construction Services Practice Group. Previously a litigator at Winston & Strawn LLP in Chicago for 13 years, he has represented some of the largest corporations, private equity funds, and real estate developers, owners and managers.

"Tim has an extensive litigation background with a focus on the real estate and construction industries," says <a href="Edward L. Filer">Edward L. Filer</a>, Leader of the firm's <a href="Construction Services Practice Group">Construction Services Practice Group</a>. "His experience will be a tremendous asset to our practice, and we look forward to applying his knowledge and skills to the benefit of our clients."

Before coming to Freeborn, Mr. McCaffrey was a partner at Pircher, Nichols and Meeks in Chicago. While there, his practice focused on real estate development, acquisitions, depositions, financing, leasing defaults and disputes, commercial foreclosures and construction disputes.

Throughout the course of his career, Mr. McCaffrey has worked on a number of high-profile matters, including:

- Representation of a major real estate investor in litigation against a lender over applicable loan documents;
- Representation of numerous private equity funds, lenders and owners in the foreclosure of distressed debt secured by major commercial properties;
- Representation of a private equity lender in the foreclosure of \$40+ million defaulted loan through the foreclosure and bankruptcy courts;
- Representation of a major REIT in the foreclosure of distressed debt secured by a hotel;
- Representation of private equity purchaser of a multi-family residential property in claims of fraud against the seller stemming from alleged intentional obfuscation of property defects during due diligence;
- Representation of a major manufacturer of consumer products in connection with defective construction of a 400,000+ square-foot warehouse facility;
- Representation of the City of Chicago in litigation against the general contractor of Chicago's Millennium Park. Claims included cost overrun and termination damages claims by the general contractor against the City of Chicago;
- Representation of former Illinois Governor George Ryan at trial on charges of public corruption during his terms as Secretary of State and Governor of the State of Illinois; and
- Representation of numerous owners and operators of office and retail properties around the United States in tenant default and eviction proceedings;

Mr. McCaffrey received his juris doctor, *cum laude*, from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law and his Bachelor of Science from Indiana University.

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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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