

Press Release

Freeborn Opens Tampa Office, Adding Significant Litigation Strength and Geographic Capacity

CHICAGO – May 17, 2017 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce the opening of its first office in Florida, located in the Tampa City Center.

The firm’s Tampa office will be led by two veteran attorneys, [Lawrence \(“Larry”\) P. Ingram](#) and [Jessica Kirkwood Alley](#). The pair brings significant experience in client advocacy, bolstering and expanding Freeborn’s ability to serve clients involved in litigation, particularly in professional liability, third-party insurance coverage, *qui tam*, healthcare fraud and restrictive covenant disputes.

Freeborn’s new location also helps to address increased demand for the firm’s services in the Southeastern region of the United States, where Freeborn has existing clients. The firm also will seek to expand by assisting new clients, particularly in litigation, real estate and corporate transactions.

Larry Ingram joins Freeborn from Phelps Dunbar LLP where, as founder of that firm’s Tampa office, he served as both Office Managing Partner and Regional Practice Coordinator. He concentrates his trial and counseling practice in professional liability, third-party insurance coverage, *qui tam*, healthcare fraud and restrictive covenant disputes. Mr. Ingram joins Freeborn as a Partner of the firm and as the Tampa’s office’s Managing Partner.

“Freeborn and Peters has a superlative reputation across many areas of complex litigation. Jessica and I are glad to be joining such a strong team. We know, too, that we will be bringing our own unique strengths and experience to bear as part of the Freeborn network,” Mr. Ingram said.

The other attorney joining the firm as a Partner is Jessica Kirkwood Alley, also formerly of Phelps Dunbar LLP. Ms. Alley concentrates her practice on complex commercial litigation and focuses in the areas of professional liability, *qui tam* defense and third-party insurance coverage litigation. Freeborn’s dedication to putting clients first and its emphasis on living up to its core values attracted Ms. Alley to the firm.

“I am proud to be a founding partner of Freeborn’s Tampa office, and I look forward to telling the story of the firm’s success to clients in Tampa, across Florida and indeed the Southeast region of the U.S.,” Ms. Alley said. “Freeborn has so much to offer, even beyond litigation. It has extensive experience in real estate development and investment, which is well-suited to Florida. Freeborn also has repeatedly demonstrated its capacity to support mid-sized corporations, particularly in M&A transactions, which is of increasing importance in a growing economy.”

In addition to Mr. Ingram and Ms. Alley, Freeborn’s Tampa office includes two associate attorneys, [Jason P. Stearns](#) and [Robert A. Stines](#), as well as several professional staff members.

Freeborn’s decision to grow its presence in the Southeast is part of a considered strategy of expansion, based on three factors: client demand, expanded capabilities and cultural fit. “Our clients are asking us to serve them in other parts of the country, and the addition of an office in Florida will dramatically increase our capabilities in the Southeast,” said [Michael J. Kelly](#), Freeborn’s Co-Managing Partner.

“We also are adding new leaders to our litigation practice who will further grow our capabilities in areas where clients are increasingly seeking our support. We know, too, that Larry, Jessica, and the other attorneys and staff who are joining us are committed to the core values of integrity, commitment, effectiveness, teamwork and caring that are so central to our culture. We expect great things to be made possible for our clients as a result,” Mr. Kelly said.

Freeborn now provides services from its five (5) office locations: Chicago, Ill.; New York, NY; Richmond, Va.; Tampa, Fla.; and Springfield, Ill.

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.; New York City; and Tampa, Fla. 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.

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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