

Press Release

Freeborn Partner Anthony J. Zeoli Appointed to Board for Crowdfund Intermediary Regulatory Advocates (CFIRA)

CHICAGO – May 20, 2016 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that [Anthony J. Zeoli](#), a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for Crowdfund Intermediary Regulatory Advocates (CFIRA). This non-profit organization was established following the signing of the federal Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act as the primary trade organization for the crowdfunding and peer-to-peer (P2P) lending industries. CFIRA works alongside the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and other governmental and quasi-governmental entities to establish rules, industry standards and best practices for crowdfund investing.

Mr. Zeoli's two-year Board of Directors term begins on June 2, 2016.

"Anthony Zeoli has been an active participant in CFIRA for many years now. The Executive Committee, as well as the existing Board, are looking forward to his continued contributions," said Stephen Ferrando, member of the CFIRA Executive Committee.

Mr. Zeoli recently received the Innovator of the Year Award from the Small Business Advocacy Council (SBAC) of Chicago for his work on a bill he drafted to allow for an intrastate crowdfunding exemption in Illinois, which was unanimously passed by the state legislature. The Illinois Intrastate Crowdfunding Bill (HB 3429) was signed into law by Gov. Bruce Rauner in July 2015 and became effective January 1, 2016. The law allows Illinois companies to solicit crowdfunded "investments" from any Illinois residents. The first approved Illinois Investment Crowdfunding Portal, www.vestlo.com, is expected to be operational in the next few weeks.

Mr. Zeoli concentrates his practice in the areas of banking and commercial finance, securities, real estate and general corporate law. He is an industry leader in the area of crowdfunding, particularly concerning real estate crowdfunding, peer-to-peer (P2P) lending and Regulation A+ offerings. In addition, Mr. Zeoli is the author of the industry respected [Crowdfunding Legal Hub Blog](#).

Mr. Zeoli's commercial finance practice includes the representation of borrowers and lenders in secured and unsecured lending transactions, corporate reorganizations and restructuring, syndicated commercial financing transactions, and loan workouts. His securities and general corporate practice includes initial and subsequent private debt and equity offerings, mergers and acquisitions, company formation and governance, and general contract drafting and negotiation. Mr. Zeoli also has particular specialization in the negotiation and documentation of real estate transactions involving the acquisition, sale, construction, development, leasing and/or financing of real estate, and he has represented parties on both sides of such transactions.

For more information on Crowdfund Intermediary Regulatory Advocates (CFIRA) visit www.cfira.org.

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