

Press Release

Freeborn Welcomes Vito M. Pacione to Real Estate Practice Group Pacione formerly worked as a real estate attorney at Jenner & Block LLP

CHICAGO – Jan. 5, 2015 – The Chicago-based law firm [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that Vito M. Pacione has joined the firm as a Partner in its [Real Estate Practice Group](#). Previously a real estate lawyer at Jenner & Block LLP, Mr. Pacione is an accomplished attorney who possesses deep experience across all aspects of real estate law.

“Vito has years of experience counseling clients on all material aspects of real estate law, from leasing and acquisitions to financing and real estate securities,” said [Richard J. Traub](#), Co-Leader of the firm’s Real Estate Practice Group. “We are pleased to have him join the Freeborn family and look forward to applying his knowledge to the benefit of our clients.”

Mr. Pacione has helped counsel clients through a variety of multimillion-dollar real estate transactions. His prior work includes:

- Drafting and negotiating commercial office, industrial, retail, parking lot and hangar leases on behalf of institutional landlords and tenants for spaces between 1,000 to 400,000-square feet;
- Handling all aspects of the purchase and sale of multi-family, office and industrial properties for clients involving amounts of up to \$300 million;
- Representing borrowers in the negotiation of construction and acquisition loans and refinancing and workouts;
- Representing pension trusts and real estate developers in the development and construction of condominiums, multi-family properties and industrial buildings having values of up to \$250 million;
- Supervising and mentoring teams in legal due diligence review and analysis of real estate matters for large corporate merger and acquisition transactions.

Mr. Pacione also has a history of pro bono activities. He has devoted significant time to community organizations and not-for-profit entities relating to real estate matters, including work for the Lyric Opera of Chicago and the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Chicago. He also is a member of the Illinois Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Mr. Pacione received his juris doctor, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law. He received his Bachelor of Arts in political science with honors from the University of Illinois.

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