

## Press Release

### **Freeborn Expands New York City Office, Welcomes Partner Michael Rennock and Senior Counsel John McConnell**

**NEW YORK – June 13, 2019** – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce the continued growth of its New York City office with the additions of [Michael J.W. Rennock](#) as a Partner in the [Corporate](#) Practice Group and [John P. McConnell](#) as senior counsel in the [Litigation](#) Practice Group.

“We are thrilled to welcome Michael and John to Freeborn as we continue to enhance our New York bench strength and the services we provide to clients in the region,” said [Daniel Hargraves](#), Managing Partner of Freeborn’s New York office. “Michael adds particular strength to our New York-based corporate team of attorneys serving business clients in M&A, corporate finance and securities, private equity, corporate governance, and venture capital transactions. John is a great fit with our established group of litigators focused on insurance and reinsurance matters.”

A member of Freeborn’s [Private Equity and Venture Capital](#) and [Emerging Industries](#) teams, Mr. Rennock focuses on mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, corporate governance and various private equity and venture capital transactions. He represents acquirers, sellers, boards of directors, and board committees, as well as issuers and investors. Mr. Rennock regularly advises buyers and sellers in both public and private mergers and acquisitions, asset sales, and other dispositions. He has represented both issuers and underwriters in IPOs and secondary offerings, high-yield and convertible debt financings, and Rule 144A and Reg S offerings. In addition, Mr. Rennock has experience with other sophisticated transactions such as recapitalizations, joint ventures, spinoffs, secured and unsecured borrowings, and project financings.

Mr. Rennock represents public and private companies in a wide variety of industries, including telecommunications, healthcare, wireless communications, electronic data transmission, defense, retail, child care, banking, energy, and transportation.

Prior to joining Freeborn, Mr. Rennock was a partner at Steptoe & Johnson LLP.

Mr. Rennock received his J.D. (*with honors*) from Duke University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts (*with honors*) from Harvard University.

A member of the firm’s nationally acclaimed [Insurance and Reinsurance Industry Team](#), Mr. McConnell has extensive experience resolving complex reinsurance and insurance-related disputes. His practice involves insurance law and regulation, proportional and non-proportional reinsurance, reinsurance treaties and facultative certificates, and insurance contracts.

Mr. McConnell previously was a principal at Hargraves, McConnell & Costigan, P.C., which combined with Freeborn in 2017.

Mr. McConnell received his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and his Bachelor of Arts (*with high distinction*) from the University of Virginia.

Freeborn's Litigation Practice Group has grown significantly over the last few years, with capabilities and geographical reach that rival many Am Law 100 firms in the nation. The firm's more than 90 litigators – representing about two-thirds of the firm's lawyers – include former federal and state prosecutors with decades of trial experience handling all areas of complex disputes and litigation in federal and state courts throughout the United States.

The firm's Insurance and Reinsurance Industry Team is one of the largest such groups in the nation, based in Chicago and New York, and serving all areas of the global insurance and reinsurance marketplace, including insurance coverage and defense practices. This year, Freeborn was recognized by the *Legal 500* United States directory as one of the top firms in the country for Insurance – advice to insurers. In addition, the firm's Reinsurance practice was recognized in the 2019 *Chambers USA* legal industry guide.

### **ABOUT FREEBORN & PETERS**

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