

Press Release

Freeborn Welcomes Partner Michael D. Whitty, Expands Trusts and Estates, Family Office Practices

CHICAGO – Feb. 4, 2019 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce the expansion of its [Trusts and Estates](#) and [Family Office](#) practices with the addition of [Michael D. Whitty](#) as a Partner.

“We are thrilled to welcome Michael to our Freeborn team of dedicated tax and estate planning practitioners as we continue to enhance and expand the breadth and depth of our practice,” said [William E. Russell](#), Freeborn Co-Managing Partner and a member of the firm’s Trusts and Estates practice. “Michael is a distinguished and accomplished leader who brings more than two decades of experience and he will be a great counselor for our diverse client base including executives, closely held businesses, entrepreneurs, and wealthy families.”

Also a member of Freeborn’s Corporate Practice Group, Mr. Whitty concentrates his practice in estate planning, taxation, and estate and trust administration. He represents business owners, principals of venture capital and private equity funds, key executives, investors, and other high net worth individuals in planning for the preservation and transfer of their wealth. In addition, Mr. Whitty consults with executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees in probate and trust administration, and advises clients in connection with litigation involving disputes between trustees and beneficiaries and in contested trust and tax matters.

A frequent speaker on estate and financial planning topics, Mr. Whitty is a Fellow of both the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and the Family Firm Institute. In addition, he is a director and the vice president/treasurer of Attorneys for Family-Held Enterprises and a member of the Chicago Estate Planning Council.

Prior to joining Freeborn, Mr. Whitty was a partner with Handler Thayer LLP in Chicago.

Mr. Whitty received his J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law and his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a Certified Financial Planner® and is licensed in Illinois, Michigan, Texas, and the U.S. Tax Court.

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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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