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A LEADER IN CORPORATE LAW FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

With a combination of in-house and private practice experience, Attorney Cynthia Bergmann, of Freeborn & Peters LLP, has built a reputation as a leader in corporate and transportation law. She also is a trailblazer for women in law, serving as a mentor to her female cohorts.

Bergmann leads her Firm's Transportation Industry Team and co-leads the Firm's Corporate Practice Group. She also serves as the only woman on the Firm's executive committee.

"Cindy is significantly involved in the firm's Women's Leadership Council and has served as a mentor to many of the firm's attorneys," said Attorney Michael D. Freeborn. "She is respected as both tough and fair which is why people turn to her for professional advice and personal counsel."

Bergmann also is a member of the Firm's professional review committee, which is responsible for the review process for all associates and income partners.

"As a member of the committee, Cindy helps to make the review process more meaningful and to give young lawyers a roadmap for advancement," Freeborn said.

Before joining Freeborn, Bergmann was U.S. Corporate Counsel for the Illinois Central Railroad and later for the Canadian National Railway. There, she handled all types of

matters for the railroad and served as its sole transactional attorney in the United States. In 2008, Cindy and her team at Freeborn were recognized at the Canadian Dealmakers Awards for the innovative acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company by Canadian National Railway.

Bergmann is an active member of the Association of Transportation Law Professionals, a North American association of transportation law and policy professionals. Roles she has held in this group include meeting program chair, vice president, secretary, treasurer, president-elect and president (2013-2014). She is also a member of various other industry groups, including the Traffic Club of Chicago.

Outside of her professional work and industry group activities, Bergmann has been a community leader with NeighborSpace, where she has served as director since 1999. She is also currently the treasurer and chair of the finance advisory committee. NeighborSpace is a nonprofit organization dedicated to acquiring and preserving community-managed open space. The organization currently owns 81 community gardens spread throughout Chicago.