

## Press Release

### Freeborn Attorneys Selected as 2016 'Best Lawyers'

**CHICAGO – Aug. 17, 2015** – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that *The Best Lawyers in America*® has named nine Freeborn attorneys to its 2016 edition. *Best Lawyers* is one of the most highly regarded lawyer-rating publications in the United States.

“We are very proud of our attorneys who have been recognized by their peers and by *Best Lawyers* as among the top leaders in their practice areas,” said [Michael A. Moynihan](#), the firm’s Co-Managing Partner. “We commend them for their ongoing dedication to our firm’s core values, which include maintaining high standards of service and responsive action for our clients.”

The firm’s attorneys who were named 2016 *Best Lawyers*, along with their recognized practice areas, are:

- [Roger H. Bickel](#) (Government Relations) – a Partner in and Chairman of the Government and Regulatory Law Practice Group. He concentrates his practice in the areas of government relations and regulatory compliance, litigation, lobbying and procurement advocacy. He has more than two decades of experience in representing a wide array of clients, from Fortune 500s to emerging small businesses, in highly complex legislative and regulatory law matters. He routinely appears before legislative committee hearings and public bodies throughout the state on behalf of his clients’ business interests.
- [Joel T. Cooper](#) (Real Estate Law) – a Partner in the Real Estate and Corporate Practice Groups. He focuses on transactions including acquisitions, dispositions, development, and partnership and joint venture formation, with a special emphasis on private equity fund formation and private equity investment.
- [Jeffery M. Cross](#) (Antitrust Law) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He represents a variety of corporations and businesses on antitrust, securities fraud, contract, real estate, environmental regulations, libel and slander, false advertising, commercial code, and trade regulation issues and also has experience in distribution and franchise law as well as mergers and acquisitions.
- [Andrew L. Goldstein](#) (Copyright Law, Entertainment Law-Motion Pictures and Television) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group. He focuses his practice in the areas of intellectual property, information technology, advertising and promotion law, and media and entertainment law, including video production-, theater- and dance-related matters.
- [Mark R. Goodman](#) (Insurance Law) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group. He has three decades of experience advising the insurance industry on corporate, regulatory and transactional matters. He has represented a wide range of clients – including insurance holding companies, insurers, producers, agents and brokers, and managing general agents – in complex, high-profile cases. He also advises non-traditional sellers of insurance on insurance programs.

- [David C. Gustman](#) (Antitrust Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Antitrust) – a Partner in and Head of the Litigation Practice Group and Co-Leader of the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Group. He focuses his practice on complex business litigation cases involving accounting, banking, bankruptcy, construction, finance, insurance coverage and broker disputes, real estate, and securities. In addition, David provides antitrust counsel to joint ventures, trade associations, research consortiums and companies involved in mergers and acquisitions, as well as those facing antitrust claims.
- [John E. Stevens](#) (Government Relations) – a Springfield, Ill.-based Partner in the Government and Regulatory Law Practice Group. He has more than 30 years of experience in assisting clients with legislative, regulatory, government procurement and public employee collective bargaining issues. He also assists corporate and not-for-profit clients with licensing and franchising issues, and with economic development issues. He previously served as general counsel to the Illinois attorney general and two Illinois comptrollers.
- [Eileen B. Trost](#) (Trusts and Estates, Litigation-Trusts and Estates) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group who focuses her practice in estate planning, trust and estate administration, and related income tax issues. She has extensive experience in all aspects of estate, gift, generation-skipping and income tax planning for trusts and estates. Of particular note is her experience in advising corporate fiduciaries and high-net worth clients.
- [Eugene F. Zelek, Jr.](#) (Advertising Law) – a Partner in the Corporate and Litigation Practice Groups and Co-Leader of the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Group. He focuses his practice on marketing-related law with areas of emphasis that include antitrust, pricing and distribution as well as branding, licensing, intellectual property, entertainment, strategic alliances, supply relationships, complex contracts, advertising and new product development.

*Best Lawyers in America* has been published since 1983 and is currently in its 22<sup>nd</sup> edition. *Best Lawyers* selects attorneys for its guide by conducting peer-review surveys of leading lawyers who are asked to evaluate their professional peers. *Best Lawyers* honorees must maintain votes in subsequent polls to remain on the list for each edition. Lawyers are not permitted to pay any fee to participate in or be included on the list.

## ABOUT FREEBORN & PETERS

Freeborn & Peters LLP is a full-service law firm, headquartered in Chicago, with international capabilities. 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, including credit unions, food, transportation, private equity and venture capital, and insurance and reinsurance.

Freeborn is a firm that genuinely lives up to its core values of integrity, caring, effectiveness, teamwork, 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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