

## **Freeborn & Peters LLP Receives 2012 My Hero/Law Firm Partnership of the Year Award**

### **Partner Kathryn Thomas to accept honor on Sept. 20**

**CHICAGO** – Sept. 17, 2012 – Each year, the [Sun Times Judge Marovitz Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth](#) organization recognizes a law firm's outstanding contributions to a tutor/mentoring program. On Sept. 20, the organization will honor [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) with the 2012 My Hero/Law Firm Partnership of the Year Award for its work with [Chicago Scholars](#), a citywide program that provides students from recently emigrated families and under-resourced communities with mentorship, college admissions, support, and access to summer internships and career programming.

“It has been such a privilege to work with Chicago Scholars,” says [Kathryn Thomas](#), a partner at the firm who has served as a Chicago Scholars Board Member and tutor/mentor for nearly four years. Ms. Thomas was recently elected as an officer of the Chicago Scholars Board Executive Committee and is a Chair of the mentoring program. “It is an honor to witness these students’ personal growth and celebrate their achievements. I am so grateful to practice law with the wonderful people at Freeborn & Peters, who truly understand the significance and necessity of giving back to the community and growing the pipeline of diverse leadership for Chicago’s future.”

As part of the firm’s Chicago Scholars commitment, many of its attorneys volunteer as tutors/mentors and participate in the student-applicant interviews and in the law firm career exploration series, which is held at the firm every summer. Freeborn & Peters also donated \$100,000 to support 25 students through the program over a 5-year period as part of the firm’s 25th anniversary celebration.

Ms. Thomas will accept the award on the firm's behalf at the 9th Annual Award's Ceremony on Sept. 20, at 11:30 a.m, at Fulton’s on the River. Freeborn & Peters' former Director of Human Resources, Laura Hlavacek, is presenting the award in her capacity as a Chicago Scholars Board member.

“One of the best aspects of receiving this award is that our firm was nominated by Karen Foley, President of Chicago Scholars,” says Louis Bury, Executive Director at Freeborn & Peters. “She truly appreciates our work and our commitment. We feel this award exemplifies our firm value of ‘Caring’ in that we are not only lending hands to our community through our work with Chicago Scholars but lifting spirits within it.”

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