

Press Release

Forty-Three Freeborn Attorneys Named 2015 Illinois Super Lawyers or Rising Stars

CHICAGO – Jan. 23, 2015 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that 43 of the firm’s attorneys have been chosen as 2015 Illinois Super Lawyers or Rising Stars, which recognize the state’s top attorneys and up-and-coming lawyers, respectively.

“We are honored by the Super Lawyers organization’s recognition of a large number of Freeborn attorneys as among the state’s top lawyers,” said Michael A. Moynihan, Co-Managing Partner of Freeborn & Peters. “These accolades help to showcase the high level of talented attorneys we continually attract and retain as a firm.”

The firm’s 2015 Illinois Super Lawyers and the primary practice areas in which they are recognized 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 law, litigation and dispute resolution, lobbying and corporate representation, and procurement advocacy. He has more than two decades of experience in representing a wide array of clients in complex regulatory law matters and commercial litigation.
- [Deborah H. Bornstein](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. She concentrates her practice in complex business litigation and antitrust. She represents clients in lawsuits and alternative dispute resolution proceedings and advises on matters involving competition and antitrust issues, contracts and business torts, environmental matters, employment and non-compete agreements, deregulation and regulatory compliance.
- [Jeffery M. Cross](#) (Antitrust Litigation) – 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.
- [Daniel C. Curth](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He represents individuals and executors in connection with pursuing and defending challenges to wills, trusts and other testamentary disposition of assets. He also represents individuals and corporate trustees in pursuing and defending against claims of breach of fiduciary duty. Additionally, he counsels and advises trustees on how to avoid, pursue or defend litigation involving trust assets and investments.
- [Joseph L. Fogel](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group and Leader of the Intellectual Property Litigation Team. He has extensive experience litigating a multitude of complex business and commercial disputes in state and federal courts and arbitral forums around the country.

- [Michael D. Freeborn](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group and a Founding Partner of the firm. He represents companies in business litigation at both the trial and appellate levels and has extensive experience in antitrust, commercial, employment, environmental, product liability and securities litigation.
- [Andrew L. Goldstein](#) (Intellectual Property) – 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](#) (Business/Corporate) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group. He focuses his practice on 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.
- [James S. Gray](#) (Real Estate) – a Partner in the Real Estate Practice Group. His practice covers a broad range of real estate and financing transactions on a regional and national basis for lenders, borrowers, developers, landlords, tenants, and managers and clients, including individuals, investment entities, retailers, real estate companies and corporate real estate users.
- [David C. Gustman](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in and Head of the Litigation Practice Group and Co-Leader of the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Group. He also is a member and former Chairman of the firm’s Executive Committee. He focuses his practice on complex business litigation cases involving antitrust, accounting, banking, bankruptcy, construction, finance, insurance coverage and broker disputes, real estate, and securities.
- [Steven M. Hartmann](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He has more than 30 years of experience and has handled and served as lead trial attorney on a variety of complex business litigation matters – particularly those involving commercial loans, insurance, employment and bankruptcy.
- [Michael J. Kelly](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group, a member of the Fraud and Internal Investigations Team and Co-Managing Partner of the firm. He has worked with clients on complex litigation cases involving antitrust, contract, insurance, intellectual property and trade secrets, often involving novel issues. He also is an experienced counselor, litigating and providing in-depth strategic advice on class action litigation.
- [William N. Krucks](#) (Employment and Labor) – a Partner in the Litigation and Corporate Practice Groups and a Founding Partner of the firm. He focuses his practice on complex disputes; employment litigation; environmental, health and safety; insurance coverage and regulation; land use and zoning; occupational diseases and work injuries; and products liability.
- [Neal H. Levin](#) (White Collar Crime) – Leader of the Fraud and Internal Investigations Team and a Partner in the Litigation and Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Practice Groups. He contends with a litany of fraudsters and fraudulent transactions, including those stemming from bankruptcy fraud, occupational fraud, corporate governance fraud, government corruption, insurance fraud, bank fraud, mortgage fraud, asset concealment, so-called asset protection plans, offshore financial centers and Ponzi schemes.
- [Peter I. Mason](#) (Business/Corporate) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group, a Founding Partner of the firm, and Chairman of the firm’s Executive Committee. He has been a trusted advisor to CEOs, boards of directors, executive management, business owners and investors for more than 30 years. He is involved in issues related to corporate and board structures, growth strategies, private equity investments, financings, management issues, disputes and virtually every challenge affecting businesses and their owners.

- [Joseph T. McCullough IV](#) (Insurance Coverage) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group and Leader of the Insurance/Reinsurance Industry Team. He devotes his practice to counseling insurance and reinsurance companies as well as representing insurers and reinsurers in arbitration, litigation and mediation.
- [Catherine A. Miller](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. She represents individual and corporate clients in a wide variety of state and federal commercial matters, including breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, mergers and acquisitions disputes, labor and employment disputes, the False Claims Act, insurance coverage, and real estate litigation.
- [Michael A. Moynihan](#) (Real Estate) – a Partner in the Real Estate Practice Group and Co-Managing Partner of the firm. He maintains an active practice handling a broad range of real estate and financing transactions and has more than 25 years of experience in commercial and industrial real estate development.
- [Edward H. Rice](#) (Intellectual Property Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He focuses his practice primarily on patent cases and other technology disputes. He has handled a wide range of patented technologies, from integrated circuits to pharmaceuticals and from Internet business methods to antimissile systems. He also has successfully represented clients on trademark and copyright matters.
- [William E. Russell](#) (Closely Held Business) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group. He advises closely held businesses and professionals on business and tax matters. His practice consists of corporate transactions and business consulting, advanced estate planning and probate, and asset protection.
- [Terrence J. Sheahan](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide range of commercial matters and business disputes including breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, tortious interference, fraud, trade-secret and non-compete disputes, defamation, partnership wind-ups, insurance coverage and other multi-million dollar disputes in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies.
- [Michael F. Tomasek](#) (Employee Benefits) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group and Leader of the Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Practice. He concentrates his practice on matters involving employee benefit plans and other arrangements, including executive compensation arrangements, qualified retirement plans, health and welfare plans, employment agreements, equity-based arrangements, consulting agreements and severance arrangements.
- [Adam C. Toosley](#) (Construction Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He has extensive experience in handling disputes including those based on mechanic's liens, commercial mortgage foreclosure, construction defects and contracts, warranty law, the Uniform Commercial Code, fraud and business torts, deceptive business practices, and trust and estate-related improprieties, among others.
- [Eileen B. Trost](#) (Estate Planning & Probate) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group. She 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.
- [Randall G. Vickery](#) (Environmental) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group and Leader of the Environmental, Health and Safety Practice. He concentrates his practice on regulatory compliance, product recall, environmental litigation and the assessment and management of environmental issues and potential liabilities in the acquisition and divestiture of business operations and real estate.

- [Eugene F. Zelek, Jr.](#) (Antitrust Litigation) – 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.

The firm's 2015 Illinois Rising Stars and the primary practice areas in which they are recognized are:

- [Rachel Atterberry](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group who focuses her practice on employment and general commercial litigation.
- [David S. Becker](#) (Intellectual Property Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation and Intellectual Property Practice Groups. He maintains a diverse litigation practice handling complex commercial matters.
- [Tina M. Bird](#) (Construction Litigation) – a Partner in the Real Estate Practice Group who focuses her practice on contract drafting and negotiation, arbitrations, civil trials, mediations, claim preparation and mid-project analysis.
- [Ashley W. Brandt](#) (Construction Litigation) – an Associate in the Real Estate Practice Group who concentrates his practice in the construction and food & beverage sectors.
- [Matthew R. Campobasso](#) (Business Litigation) – an Associate in the Litigation Practice Group who focuses his practice on all aspects of complex litigation.
- [Gia F. Colunga](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group whose areas of focus include litigation relating to breach of contract, franchising, trade secrets, restrictive covenants and other employment matters.
- [Robin C. Dusek](#) (Insurance Coverage) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group who concentrates her practice in insurance/reinsurance and related client counseling.
- [Devon J. Eggert](#) (Bankruptcy: Business) – a Partner in the Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice Group. His practice covers all aspects of complex Chapter 11 cases.
- [Kellye L. Fabian](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. She focuses her practice on all aspects of complex litigation including securities litigation, accountant and auditor malpractice, bankruptcy litigation, partnership and joint venture disputes, breach of contract cases, toxic tort and class action defense.
- [John C. Hammerle](#) (General Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group. His experience includes a wide array of state and federal commercial matters as well as prosecution of temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunction cases.
- [Richard T. Kienzler](#) (Business Litigation) – an Associate in the Litigation Practice Group who focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation.
- [Jacob D. Koering](#) (Intellectual Property Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group and a member of the Intellectual Property Team. He focuses on helping to develop, implement, monetize and protect companies' intellectual property portfolios.
- [Matthew J. Kramer](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group who focuses his practice on complex commercial disputes.
- [Timothy J. McCaffrey](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group who concentrates his real estate litigation practice in the areas of real estate development, acquisitions, dispositions, financing, leasing defaults and disputes, and commercial foreclosures.
- [Verona M. Sandberg](#) (Business Litigation) – a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group who has experience with cases concerning antitrust, class action, breach of contract, employment disputes and other complex litigation.

- [Todd R. Southwell](#) (Mergers & Acquisitions) – a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private equity and general company representation matters.

Only the top 5 percent of attorneys in the state are named as Super Lawyers. No more than 2.5 percent of all Illinois lawyers are named as Rising Stars, who must be 40 years old or younger or have been in practice for 10 years or fewer. The selection process involves peer nominations, independent research and peer reviews. Attorneys cannot buy their way onto the lists.

The Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists are published in the Illinois Super Lawyers and Chicago magazines.

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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