

# Benjamin C. Hughes Joins Freeborn's Corporate Practice Group as Partner

**Freeborn & Peters LLP** announces that Benjamin C. Hughes has joined the firm as a partner in the Corporate Practice Group.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ben to Freeborn and our Corporate Practice Group," said Cynthia A. Bergmann, a partner and co-leader of the firm's Corporate Practice Group. "Ben plays an important role in delivering key counsel on tax-related and other business transaction issues that are important to the success of our corporate clients."

Based in Freeborn's Chicago office, Hughes focuses his practice primarily in the areas of business structuring, strategic business planning, income tax evaluation, tax efficiency evaluation, state and federal tax law, and IRS controversies, the firm said in a release. He also serves as general counsel or tax counsel for commercial and financial transactions across a broad spectrum of professions and industries. In addition, Hughes has been involved in various personal advanced planning and advanced business planning engagements that have included international trusts, family holding companies, family offices, and strategic business development for the working wealthy.

Prior to joining Freeborn, Hughes was a partner in the Advanced Planning and Family Office Practice Group at Handler Thayer, LLP. He also previously handled transactions involving tax planning and business and corporate law for his nationwide private practice client base. In addition, he formerly served as outside counsel to a tax consulting firm.

Hughes received his J.D. from Florida Coastal School of Law with Moot Court Honors, his Master of Laws in taxation, with

honors, from The John Marshall Law School and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Montana.