

Kenneth Crane and Rita Garry Join Freeborn Corporate Practice Group

Freeborn & Peters LLP announces that attorneys **Kenneth M. Crane** and **Rita W. Garry** have joined the firm's Chicago office as members of the Corporate Practice Group. Crane is a partner and Garry serves as senior counsel.

"Kenneth and Rita both bring extensive experience in corporate and business law matters on behalf of clients in diverse industries," said Freeborn's Co-Managing Partner Michael A. Moynihan. "We are enthusiastic about having these two join our corporate practice, which focuses on helping middle-market companies and businesses of all sizes meet their challenges and achieve their full potential."

In a news release, the firm said:

Crane is a deal lawyer who represents private equity, venture capital and family office clients, focusing on acquisitions and sale transactions. He works with entrepreneurs and companies from inception through closing of realization transactions. He also represents the portfolio companies of his private equity, emerging growth and other clients in a wide range of commercial transactions and legal matters, including equity-based compensation plans, manufacturing, distribution and sales agreements, and intellectual property licensing and development. Crane most recently was a partner with Perkins Coie LLP.

Crane earned his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Garry focuses her practice on serving as outside general

counsel to many small and middle market companies across an array of industries. With over 30+ years' experience, Garry works closely with business owners, executive management teams, and stakeholders throughout the business' life cycles, including entity design and maintenance, commercial transactions, mergers, acquisitions, business sales, joint ventures, corporate governance and succession planning. Additionally, Garry works to assist clients in capital market transactions and finance, including private securities offerings under Regulation D and the new equity crowdfunding exemption. She most recently was a corporate and transactional partner at Golan Christie Taglia LLP. Previously, she served as a partner and chair of the corporate practice group at SmithAmundsen LLC.

Garry earned her law degree from Boston University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts from Lake Forest College.

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