

# Freeborn Adds Three Associates in Litigation Practice Group

Freeborn & Peters LLP announced that Christina L. Flatau, David M. Knapp, and D. Richard Self have joined the firm as associates in the Litigation Practice Group.

Flatau is based in the firm's Tampa, Fla., office, Knapp is based in Freeborn's Chicago office, and Self works from both the firm's Springfield, Ill., and Chicago offices.

A member of Freeborn's Insurance and Reinsurance Industry Team, Flatau focuses her practice on insurance coverage litigation, professional liability defense, and complex commercial litigation. She has represented insurers in a wide range of complex coverage matters including claims involving bad faith, priority of coverage issues, and rescission issues. She also has represented individuals and entities pursuant to coverage provided under commercial general liability, homeowners, errors and omissions, and employment practices liability insurance policies.

Prior to joining Freeborn, Flatau was an associate at Phelps Dunbar LLP. She received her J.D. (magna cum laude) from the University of Miami School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts from Trinity University.

Knapp is a member of Freeborn's Intellectual Property Practice Group. His practice focuses on intellectual property (IP) enforcement and defense and IP portfolio management. He has developed patent portfolios in technical fields such as biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, agrichemicals, medical diagnostics, and software. In addition, he advises clients on IP risk management, including patent portfolio due diligence, patent infringement and validity opinions, and freedom-to-

operate analyses. He has technical experience in the fields of chemistry, molecular biology, protein biochemistry, and chromatography.

Prior to joining Freeborn, Knapp was an associate at Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, P.C. He received his J.D. from George Washington University Law School. He also holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Bachelor of Science (magna cum laude) from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

A member of Freeborn's Litigation Practice Group and Government and Regulatory Law Practice Group, Self focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, appellate litigation, antitrust, and government relations.

Prior to joining the firm, Self served as a law clerk for Judge J. Phil Gilbert of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. He gained experience in civil and criminal matters in government and private practice while working for the U.S. Department of Justice for one summer with the National Security Division in Washington, D.C., and another summer with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charlotte, N.C.

Self received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.