

Matthew T. Connelly and Martin Syvertsen Join Freeborn as Litigators

Matthew T. Connelly and Martin Syvertsen have joined **Freeborn & Peters LLP** in Chicago as associates in the Litigation Practice Group.

“We welcome Matthew and Martin to our firm,” said Anthony J. Carballo, a Freeborn partner and co-leader of the firm’s Commercial Litigation Team. “Both Matthew and Martin have valuable trial experience that will enhance our services to clients in all areas of complex disputes and litigation.”

Connelly previously served as a law clerk for Judge William J. Bauer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. As a law student, he served as an extern for Judge Jean C. Hamilton of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. He also was a clerk at a law firm in St. Louis during law school.

Connelly received his law degree from Washington University School of Law, *summa cum laude*, and holds a Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, from Loyola University Chicago.

Syvertsen served for seven years as an Assistant State’s Attorney in Cook County, Ill., most recently in the Complex Litigation Unit. He also previously practiced in the Federal Civil Rights and Torts Unit, as well as in the Felony Trial and Criminal Appeals Divisions, of the State’s Attorney’s Office. During his tenure with the State’s Attorney’s office, Syvertsen achieved numerous successful results in federal jury trials and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Syvertsen also currently serves as an adjunct professor in the

trial advocacy program at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, from which he earned his law degree. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.