

# Freeborn Adds Partner Michael D. Whitty to Trusts and Estates, Family Office Practices

**Freeborn & Peters LLP** announced the expansion of its Trusts and Estates and Family Office practices with the addition of Michael D. Whitty as a partner.

“We are thrilled to welcome Michael to our Freeborn team of dedicated tax and estate planning practitioners as we continue to enhance and expand the breadth and depth of our practice,” said William E. Russell, Freeborn Co-Managing Partner and a member of the firm’s Trusts and Estates practice. “Michael is a distinguished and accomplished leader who brings more than two decades of experience and he will be a great counselor for our diverse client base including executives, closely held businesses, entrepreneurs, and wealthy families.”

Also a member of Freeborn’s Corporate Practice Group, Whitty concentrates his practice in estate planning, taxation, and estate and trust administration. He represents business owners, principals of venture capital and private equity funds, key executives, investors, and other high net worth individuals in planning for the preservation and transfer of their wealth. In addition, Whitty consults with executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees in probate and trust administration, and advises clients in connection with litigation involving disputes between trustees and beneficiaries and in contested trust and tax matters, the firm said in a release.

A frequent speaker on estate and financial planning topics, Whitty is a Fellow of both the American College of Trust and

Estate Counsel and the Family Firm Institute. In addition, he is a director and the vice president/treasurer of Attorneys for Family-Held Enterprises and a member of the Chicago Estate Planning Council.

Prior to joining Freeborn, Whitty was a partner with Handler Thayer LLP in Chicago.

Whitty received his J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law and his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a Certified Financial Planner and is licensed in Illinois, Michigan, Texas, and the U.S. Tax Court.