Freeborn Elevates Litigation Practice Group Member Kirk Watkins to Partner

Freeborn & Peters LLP is pleased to announce that the firm has elevated attorney Kirk Watkins to Income Partner, effective Jan. 1.

“We are very pleased to introduce Kirk as Freeborn’s newest Income Partner,” said Freeborn Co-Managing Partner William E. Russell. “He has demonstrated a high degree of knowledge and success for our litigation clients and a strong commitment to pro bono matters, and we look forward to his continued contributions as a leader at our firm.”

A member of Freeborn’s Litigation Practice Group, Mr. Watkins has a broad range of experience in all phases of complex commercial litigation, from pre-suit investigation and discovery management to dispositive motion and trial practice all the way up to appeals. In recent years, he has represented clients at multi-week bench and jury trials in both state and federal court in disputes ranging from commercial sales and online taxation to director and officer liability.

Mr. Watkins also maintains an active pro bono practice, and in 2017 received an Award for Excellence in Pro Bono and Public Interest Service from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association in connection with his representation of a Stateville inmate in a federal civil rights case.

Mr. Watkins received his J.D. (cum laude) from Northwestern University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern University.

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Freeborn & Peters LLP is a full-service law firm, headquartered in Chicago, with international capabilities and offices in New York City; Richmond, Va.; Springfield, Ill.; and Tampa, Fla. Freeborn is always looking ahead and seeking to find better ways to serve its clients. It takes a proactive approach to ensure its clients are more informed, prepared and able to achieve greater success – not just now, but also in the future. While the firm serves clients across a very broad range of sectors, it has also pioneered an interdisciplinary approach that serves the specific needs of targeted industries.

Freeborn's major achievements in litigation are reflective of the firm's significant growth over the last few years and its established reputation as a Litigation Powerhouse®. Freeborn has one of the largest litigation departments among Chicago-based law firms – currently with more than 90 litigators, which represents about two-thirds of the firm's lawyers.

Freeborn is a firm that genuinely lives up to its core values of integrity, effectiveness, teamwork, caring and commitment, and embodies them through high standards of client service and responsive action. Its lawyers build close and lasting relationships with clients and are driven to help them achieve their legal and business objectives. For more information, please visit www.freeborn.com.