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The international art world and its markets are complicated and largely unregulated fields that need careful navigation and expertise. Whether you are an art collector, investor, auction house, gallery owner, museum, public charity, private foundation or an artist, art and cultural property should be properly managed and faithfully preserved. Wherever the art work is located in the world and whatever you or your organisation is seeking to achieve, our team of art and cultural property lawyers are able to support you through the relevant laws, regulations and best market practices in this sector to ensure you achieve your desired objectives.

They are very responsive, really practical, very commercial and astute about business issues.  
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Experience

• Acted for an art gallery in connection with a dispute regarding the ownership of certain works of art
• Advised an international educational institution in relation to provenance issues regarding the sale of a work of art
• Advised an arts foundation with respect to the export of works
• Advised an auction house in relation to its consignment agreements
• Advised an art fair in relation to a strategic partnership
• Advised an art trust relating to intellectual property matters
• Advised an art gallery on its contracts with artists
• Advised a museum in relation to a personal donation

Services

• Acquisition and disposals
• Agency and commission agreements
• Art funds
• Art import and export
• Art Insurance
• Art investment structures
• Art lending
• Auction house agreements and responsibilities
• Attribution and authenticity disputes
• Corporate strategy and investment
• Defective title disputes
• Droit de suite (artist’s resale rights)
• Finance and security
• Copyright and other intellectual property rights
• Regulatory and compliance including EU regulation
• Restitution and spoliation claims
• Stolen and looted art
• Tax and VAT
• Title and provenance disputes

Our clients

• Art fairs
• Artists
• Auction houses
• Banks and financial institutions
• Brokers
• Charities
• Collectors
• Dealers
• Educational institutions
• Family offices
• Foreign governments
• Foundations
• Galleries
• Investment funds
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