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## **Herrick, Feinstein Partner Howard Spiegler Authors Chapter on Art Recovery in Book About Holocaust Restitution**

Herrick, Feinstein partner Howard N. Spiegler, who is the co-chair of the firm's International Art Law Practice, has written a chapter for the acclaimed book *Holocaust Restitution: Perspectives on the Litigation and Its Legacy*.

*Holocaust Restitution*, edited by Michael Bazzyler and Roger P. Alford and published by New York University Press, is the first work to include viewpoints of every side involved in Holocaust Restitution, from State Department officials to attorneys to Holocaust survivors. The book addresses the myriad of recent claims that arose from the Holocaust including Nazi-looted art cases.

Spiegler's chapter focuses on one highly publicized case that Herrick is currently litigating: *U.S. v. Portrait of Wally*, in which the United States Government and Herrick are seeking the return of Egon Schiele's "Portrait of Wally", a painting taken by a Nazi agent from Lea Bondi Jaray, a Viennese Jew, in the late 1930's following Germany's annexation of Austria. Herrick represents Jaray's Estate. "For the Nazis, stealing art went well beyond amassing assets," Spiegler says. "It was inextricably tied to the destruction of Jewish culture, which was essential to their Final Solution. Being able to return these invaluable works to their rightful owners is especially rewarding."

Throughout his career, Spiegler has been involved in many well-known and important legal actions involving Holocaust and other art and cultural property restitution. Recently, he and fellow partner Lawrence M. Kaye led a team of Herrick lawyers who worked with local Dutch counsel to effect the recovery of 200 Nazi-looted artworks held by the Dutch government in 17 museums. They are being returned to the heir of Jacques Goudstikker, a famous Jewish art dealer who perished while fleeing The Netherlands during Germany's 1940 invasion.

Herrick's International Art Practice, led by Kaye and Spiegler, covers all aspects of commercial art law matters, both transactional and litigation. Spiegler chairs the Art Law Committee of the New York

City Bar Association and both he and Kaye have lectured and written for publications around the world on art-related matters.

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