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Yael is an associate in Herrick's Art Law Group.

She advises clients in a wide range of domestic and cross-border art and cultural property matters. Yael has represented claimants seeking restitution of art misappropriated during the Holocaust, and claimants seeking the recovery of looted or stolen cultural patrimony. She has represented collectors and galleries in various art transactions.

Before joining Herrick, Yael received her J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she served as an Articles Editor for the Cardozo Journal of Law and Gender. While in law school, Yael interned with the Honorable Faith S. Hochberg of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Yael received her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Binghamton University, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Yael is fluent in Hebrew.

Services

- Art
- Litigation

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (J.D., 2009)
- Binghamton University (*summa cum laude*, 2005)

Languages

- Hebrew

Accolades



- Milton Mollen Pro Bono Award, 2017

Memberships & Associations

- Art Law Committee, New York City Bar Association
- Center for Art Law, Advisory Board Member

Publications

January 25, 2021

The Art Law Review
The Law Reviews

December 2016

Landmark Legislation Establishes Sweeping Federal Statute of Limitations for Claims to Recover Holocaust Looted Art

December 2016

New Law Provides Foreign Governments with Immunity from Suits Brought to Recover Artworks on Exhibition in the U.S.

July 2015

A Primer on Art Loans
Art & Advocacy, Volume 20

May 25, 2014

Rightful Heirs in Nazi-era Cases: What We Can Expect for Gurlitt Claims
Sothebys.com

July 2013

Rare Books Returned
Art & Advocacy, Volume 15

February 2013

Claim by Museums of Public Trusteeship and Their Response to Restitution Claims
Art & Advocacy, Volume 14

November 2012

International Art Transactions Under CISG
Art & Advocacy, Volume 13

March 2012

Art Law Litigation in 2011
Art & Advocacy, Volume 11

August 2011

Government Remedies Against Possessors of Stolen Art Objects
Art & Advocacy, Volume 9

July 2011

The Use of Cy Pres Funds in Class Action Litigation
LJN's Product Liability Law & Strategy

2011

Claim by Museums of Public Trusteeship and their Response to Restitution Claims: A Self-Serving Attempt to Keep Holocaust-Looted Art
Art Antiquity and Law Journal

2011

New Weapons and New Targets: Criminal Sanctions and Redress Against Museum Workers under US Law
Taking it Personally, The Individual Liability of Museum Personnel

2011

The Particular Position of the Museum Director, Curator and Registrar in Holocaust-Related

Claims

Taking it Personally, The Individual Liability of Museum Personnel

February 2011

New Shipping Requirements in Effect: The Art World Reacts
Art & Advocacy, Volume 8

February 2011

Holocaust Art Restitution Litigation in 2010
Art & Advocacy, Volume 8

Fall/Winter 2010

Ancient World Meets the Modern World: A Primer on the Restitution Law
Art & Advocacy, Volume 6

January 2010

Holocaust Art Restitution Litigation in 2009
Art & Advocacy, Volume 5

Winter 2009

Rwandan Genocide: Taking Notes from the Holocaust Reparations Movement
Cardozo Journal of Law and Gender

February 2009

Abandoned Loan Bill Signed Into Law: Statute Grants Title to Certain Property in New York State Museums' Possession
Art & Advocacy, Volume 1

Matters

Royal Library of Sweden - Recovery of Stolen Books

We are helping our client, the National Library of Sweden, recover rare books stolen by a former employee and sold at auction. We have successfully helped our client recover a number of stolen books, and our work has been noted in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Bloomberg News*. We are working with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Marei von Saher - Restitution of Nazi-Looted Art

Representing Marei von Saher in her efforts to recover hundreds of Nazi-looted artworks from the collection of her father-in-law, the renowned Dutch art collector and dealer, Jacques Goudstikker.

Royal Library of Sweden-Recovery of Wytfliet Atlas

The Royal Library of Sweden, with the assistance of the United States Government and Herrick, Feinstein, LLP, has recovered a 415-year-old atlas which had been stolen along with dozens of other rare volumes ten years ago. Created by Cornelius van Wytfliet and known as the "Wytfliet Atlas," the book had been part of the Royal Library collection for over 300 years prior to its theft. The successful return of the atlas is the result of an ongoing investigation and recovery effort launched by the Royal Library in cooperation with U.S. officials and with the assistance of Herrick, Feinstein in hopes of locating all of the stolen books.

Events

The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act in Art and Antiquities Matters
February 23, 2021
Webinar

Art Restitution & The Holocaust: A Panel on Transitional Justice
November 9, 2020
McGill University Webinar

Sotheby's Institute of Art Guest Lecture
April 15, 2019
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

Sotheby's Institute of Art Guest Lecture
April 24, 2018
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

NJSBA/NJICLE - Fourth Annual Art Law Symposium
September 28, 2017
New Jersey Law Center

Sotheby's Institute of Art Guest Lecture
April 4, 2016
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

Christie's Education Lecture: Restitution and Theft
October 14, 2015
Christie's Education

RFG Wealth Management Discussion: Issues Art Collectors Face in Today's Art World
June 10, 2014
New York, NY

Sotheby's Institute of Art Presentation: Major Legal Developments Concerning the Restitution of Looted Art"
April 29, 2014
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

Appraisers Association of America Art Law Day
November 8, 2013
New York University

NYU Fine Art and Culture Law Association Presentation: Art in a Time of Chaos
April 18, 2012
New York Law School

Herrick Art Law Seminar: New Dimensions in Art Recovery
November 16, 2011
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

News

February 8, 2021
Holocaust Restitution And Cultural Patrimony Repatriation In Art Law
DALA McGill - Lawfully Uncommon

January 23, 2020

Supreme Court Asked to Consider Legal Status of Famous Picasso Painting Sold by Escapees of Nazi Persecution
Haynes and Boone, LLP

July 11, 2019

Estate of Alice Leffmann Files Petition for Rehearing in Holocaust Restitution Case Against Metropolitan Museum of Art
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

August 13, 2018

Marei von Saher Files Petition Asking Appellate Court to Reconsider its Dismissal of Her Claim to Recover Iconic Nazi-Looted Paintings from California's Norton Simon Museum of Art
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

September 30, 2016

Lawsuit Seeks Return of Picasso From Met
The New York Times

September 30, 2016

Met Picasso Belonged to Family That Fled Nazis, Suit Says
The New York Times

January 20, 2015

U.S. Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Herrick Client Marei von Saher
The Art Newspaper, Associated Press and the Pasadena Star-News

June 6, 2014

California Federal Court of Appeals Revives Nazi-Looted Art Claim Against Norton Simon Museum
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

July 24, 2013

United States Returns Stolen Rare Books to the National Library of Sweden
The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg News

June 27, 2012

The Royal Library of Sweden Announces Recovery of Rare 415-Year-Old Atlas Stolen 10 Years Ago
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

Videos