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B&P ALERT!

Barta & Partner now offers access to the signature ARIS art title insurance policy

Barta & Partner Art Insurance and Consulting is excited to announce that it has partnered with ARIS Title Insurance Corporation, the world's first and only underwriter of title insurance for fine art and important collectibles; this partnership makes Barta the first specialist in central Europe to provide access to title insurance for the art community. The ARIS Art Title Insurance Policy ("ATPI®") provides a financial guarantee of clear legal title and insures against the wide range of ownership risks and legal authority-to-sell risks in the global art market. An ATPI® policy is a best-in-class risk management solution and can benefit museums, dealers, galleries, and private collectors.

Why do you need the ARIS ATPI®?

As public stewards of cultural property, museums and galleries are tasked with preserving, studying, and exhibiting their art collections now and in the future. This mission can often conflict with the constant risk of loss presented by defective title, which, similar to individual, private collectors can be experienced by museums. If your organization has ever --

Purchased artwork;

Accepted artwork as charitable gifts;

Accepted artwork for exhibition; or

Deaccessioned artwork through sale?

then the entity may be vulnerable to significant financial, legal, and reputational damage, as well as physical risk of loss of irreplaceable artwork, resulting from defective title claims.

What does the ARIS ATPI® policy cover?

The **ARIS ATPI®** is a title insurance policy. It covers the museum or gallery for its life of ownership and that of its heirs at law. For a one-time premium, the insured receives the benefits of full defense of title, a financial guarantee of the value of the artwork plus the ability to demonstrate best-in-class standards, which is important for reputational and legal reasons. The ARIS ATPI® policy covers four general risk categories for fine art and important collectibles:

Contemporary and historical theft;

Import and export defects;

Liens and encumbrances; and

Illegal and or unauthorized sales.

There is **no** exclusion for legal title risks of which an insured “should” or “could” have known; other exclusions are consistent with those found in the standard real property title insurance form.

Why purchase ARIS ATPI® Insurance now?

Today’s museums and galleries are effectively acting as buyers, sellers and collectors in one of the largest, lawful unregulated global markets, that is, the art market. Even museums with the large budgets and acclaimed art historians cannot be 100% certain of valid provenance and legal title for each and every new acquisition and artwork in the existing collection. Thus, all art organizations are at risk of defective title claims, claims which may jeopardize the integrity of the collection and an organization’s trusted public position.

In the increasingly complex and rapidly changing art world, now more than ever the **ARIS ATPI®** is a necessary component of best-in-class risk management practices for reputable museums and galleries. The specialists at Barta & Partner are one of the first European-based brokers who currently offer access to the **ARIS ATPI®** policy to its international clients in Central Europe and we look forward to discussing how art title insurance can help protect you and your entity.

*“**Second to none insuring art**” is not only our motto, it’s a standard which we strive to uphold, with every single client and piece of art we insure. To access the invaluable benefits of the **ARIS ATPI®** provided by Barta & Partner, please contact our specialists by either phone or e-mail at:*

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We look forward to assisting you!

-The Barta & Partner Team

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