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Attorney With New York State Banking Department, Holocaust Claims Processing Office, Joins ARIS' New York Office

New York (January 7, 2008). The New York office of ARIS Corporation is pleased to announce that Sherri North Cohen has joined ARIS as Chief Underwriting Counsel and Director of Underwriting.

Ms. Cohen joins ARIS from the New York State Banking Department, Holocaust Claims Processing Office ("HCPO"), which assists claimants from New York, throughout the United States and around the world in locating, negotiating and recovering Holocaust-era looted artworks in addition to assisting with their bank, insurance and other WWII claims.

Ms. Cohen has broad experience with every aspect of art restitution claims including interfacing with cultural ministries in foreign governments as well as with museums, auction houses and individual art dealers in the United States and internationally. In particular, Ms. Cohen recently negotiated with The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the museum's first restitution of a Nazi-looted artwork, to the heirs of Dr. Arthur Feldman (one of the world's renowned collectors of Old Master drawings, who was persecuted by the Nazis). Ms. Cohen was also instrumental in revising the State of New York's abandoned cultural property bill to prevent museums from inadvertently acquiring title to Nazi-looted artworks (*see* A.B. 995 (N.Y. 2007)).

Ms. Cohen was previously with Jones Day in its New York, London and Washington, D.C., offices, representing leading corporations in commercial litigation and international arbitration cases involving breach of contract, intellectual property, art recovery and antitrust issues.

Ms. Cohen earned her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from American University, where she was Notes & Comments Editor of the *American University Law Review*, and received her B.A. from Emory University, Phi Beta Kappa, which included intensive study in Art History and French at The Sorbonne. Ms. Cohen is a former Intern for the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Washington, D.C., and Clerk to The Honorable Michael Farrell, United States Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit.



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Ms. Cohen is a member of the bars of the State of New York, District of Columbia, England and Wales, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. She is a member of the Art Law Committee, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and Chair of its Subcommittee on Museum Legislation.

“Ms. Cohen uniquely complements ARIS’ existing expertise and will enhance our rapidly growing operations,” commented Lawrence M. Shindell, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ARIS. “Her broad expertise in the complexities of title issues surrounding art and in commercial and international law fits exceedingly well with ARIS.”

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