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ART & CULTURAL HERITAGE LAW PANEL

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A panel discussion sponsored by the Art & Cultural Heritage Law Committee of the Section of International Law & Practice of the American Bar Association.

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***The program will be held Thursday, 4 October 2007
4:00-5:30 pm, at The Grosvenor House Hotel in London.***

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Museums around the globe confront numerous obstacles in dealing with claims made on the art works and cultural objects in their collections. In some cases, works may have been placed on loan years ago and a museum may not know the current owner or may be presented with a claim to restore the works to the lender. Museums must also safeguard the ownership rights of victims of theft, including nations whose antiquities have been illegally excavated and removed and Holocaust victims and their heirs whose art properties were stolen during World War II. Finally, works on loan may be claimed to satisfy judgments received against the owner. In the United States, the ability of museums to remove art works from their collections through deaccessioning depends on laws that vary from state to state. The problem is more complicated in countries where museums are prohibited by law to remove any works from their collections. This panel will address issues of deaccessioning, long-term loans, and return guarantees for works on international loan and consider policies that may lead to greater cooperation in this complicated area of international law.

Moderator:

Ricardo A. St. Hilaire, Chief Prosecutor, Grafton County, Concord, New Hampshire

Speakers:

Lawrence M. Shindell, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ARIS Corporation, Milwaukee, WI

Norman Palmer, Rowe & Maw Professor of Commercial Law, Faculty of Laws, University College, London, England

Patty Gerstenblith, Professor, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL

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