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Areas of Emphasis

Art Transactions
 Nonprofit Corporations and Museums
 Closely-Held Corporations and Businesses
 Mediation and Arbitration
 International Commercial Transactions

Legal and Business Experience

Art Transactions

Representation of museums and collectors in the acquisition and disposition of and estate planning for works of art. Mr. Knerly has counseled clients in the acquisition of many works of art including specific issues involving antiquities and the Holocaust era. Mr. Knerly is a member of the Art and Cultural Heritage Law Committee of the American Bar Association, the International Bar Association - Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee, and the Institute of Art and Law.

Nonprofit Corporations and Museums

Representation of nonprofit corporations and museums including corporate governance, general corporate matters and tax issues. Mr. Knerly has provided counsel to museums and other nonprofit entities for many legal issues including governance, conflict of interest policies, accessions, deaccessions, contracting, outsource agreements, executive compensation and employment agreements, tax planning, and construction projects.

He has frequently spoken on art and museum-related matters during meetings of the ALI-ABA Museum Law Conference, the American Association of Museums, the Association of Art Museum Directors and the Institute of Art and Law, and before the Cultural Project Advisory Committee. Mr. Knerly has also served as an Adjunct Professor (Art Law) at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Closely-Held Corporations and Businesses

Representation of numerous closely-held and family businesses, including mergers, acquisitions and dispositions, financings, generation transfers, recapitalizations and real estate development.

Mediation and Arbitration

Service as mediator and arbitrator for complex international and domestic commercial and business disputes. Mr. Knerly has served as a mediator or arbitrator for the International Chamber of Commerce, The American Arbitration Association, The International Centre for Dispute Resolution and the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.

International Commercial Transactions

Representation of U.S. companies in (a) direct establishment of operations in Western Europe through branch offices or subsidiaries, (b) joint ventures in Western Europe, and (c) commercial transactions. Representation of foreign entities in acquisition and disposition of U.S. companies, establishment of U.S. operations, sales and service transactions, and U.S. litigation.

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Professional

Admitted to Ohio bar, 1976.

Partner with Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP since 1984:

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner, 1993 to present;

Member, Board of Directors, 1993 to present;

Member, Management Committee, 1989-91;

Associate with the firm, 1976-83; Law Clerk with the firm, 1975-76.

Law Clerk with Stephen J. Knerly and Associates from September, 1973 to November, 1974.

Member, American Bar Association (International Law Section, Art and Cultural Heritage Law Committee), International Bar Association (Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee), Institute of Art and Law.

Recent Speaking Engagements

Institute of Art and Law in association with the Foundation for International Cultural Diplomacy, Blackwall Green and Withers LLP, State Immunity, Anti-Seizure and Customary International Law, Transparency, Integrity, Mobility and Security under Cross-Border Loans and other Sharing Transactions affecting Cultural Objects, London, July 17-18, 2008.

- Panelist, *United States Immunity and International Loans*

American Law Institute – American Bar Association together with The Smithsonian Institution, Legal Issues in Museum Administration, April 2-4, 2008.

- Moderator, *Election Year 2008: Lobbying, Advocacy, and Election Activities*
- Panelist, *Collections – “Ask the Lawyer”*

American Law Institute – American Bar Association together with the Smithsonian Institution, Legal Issues in Museum Administration, March 14-16, 2007; Antiquities as Cultural Property: Dealing with the Past, Looking to the Future.

- Panelist, *Introduction to Key Issues and Legal Framework*
- Panelist, *Acquisition and Exhibition Best Practices*

American Law Institute – American Bar Association together with the Smithsonian Institution, Legal Issues in Museum Administration, March 29-31, 2006.

- Panelist, *Developing Conflicts of Interest and Whistleblower Policies for Your Staff and Governing Board*
- Panelist, *Cultural Property Update*

Presentations before the Cultural Property Advisory Committee on behalf of the Association of Art Museum Directors in connection with the renewal of Memoranda of Understanding between:

- The United States and Honduras, July 24, 2008;
- The United States and Cambodia, March 6, 2008;
- The United States and Peru and the United States and Cyprus, January 21, 2007.

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Languages

French

Education

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D., 1976.

Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Boston, Massachusetts, A.M., 1973.

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, A.B. (History and French), 1972:

Honors: Summa Cum Laude; Magna Cum Laude in Historiam; Cyrus Hoover History Prize; member, Phi Beta Kappa; James Bowdoin Scholar.

Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris, France, 1971.

University School, Shaker Heights, Ohio, 1968:

Member, Cum Laude Society, Sherman French Prize.

Hawken School, Lyndhurst, Ohio, 1964.

Community Involvement

Consul Honoraire de France, Cleveland, Ohio.

American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter, Director.

The Holden Arboretum, Director; Corporate Secretary; Member, Executive and Governance Committees.

French American Chamber of Commerce, Trustee and Secretary.

The Cleveland Museum of Art, Corporate Secretary.

Leadership Cleveland - Class of 2001.

Personal

Born Lakewood, Ohio, December 15, 1949. Married. One child. Resides in Chardon.