



Jonathan Freiman Quoted in The Art Newspaper on Motion Filed in Guelph Treasure Case

The Art Newspaper recently ran a story on the Guelph Treasure case, where Wiggin and Dana represents the Federal Republic of Germany and the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation (SPK), which oversees Berlin's state-run museums. As the story notes, Germany and the SPK recently "filed a motion to dismiss a US lawsuit over the return of the Guelph Treasure, one of the world's finest collections of Medieval ecclesiastical art, valued at more than \$200m. The lawsuit was brought by Alan Philipp and Gerald Stiebel, the descendants of two Jewish art dealers, who were part of a consortium that sold the collection in 1935" to a bank acting as agent for the German state of Prussia.

In the article, Mr. Freiman, who leads the Wiggin and Dana team, is quoted as saying that "Germany and the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation recognize and accept their responsibility to address the wrongs committed by the Nazi regime, and they take each and every allegation seriously. That is why the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation has worked assiduously over the years to ascertain the provenance of thousands of items in its collections, and has restituted more than 1,350 objects to date."

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To read *The Art Newspaper* story, [click here](#).