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Kenley is Counsel in the Firm's Private Client Services Department, where she advises high net worth collectors, artists, fiduciaries, and art market professionals on sophisticated transactions, regulatory and tax matters, and legacy planning involving fine art and collectibles. Her practice sits at the intersection of art law and private client services, drawing on deep experience coordinating with trusts and estates, tax, and corporate counsel to deliver integrated, commercial solutions for complex and valuable art holdings.

Kenley counsels clients across the full lifecycle of art collections, advising on acquisitions, sales, consignments, commissions, loans, and advisory arrangements. She structures charitable and non?charitable transfers of art, including museum loans, promised gifts, and private foundation planning, and provides guidance on the governance and long?term stewardship of major collections. Her work frequently involves sales and use tax issues, AML compliance, insurance, conservation, collection logistics, and the negotiation of contracts related to art purchases, exhibition loans, gallery and auction consignments, leases, sales, and gifts. She also represents artists and artists' estates on matters involving gallery representation, intellectual property, licensing, and legacy planning.

Kenley has broad experience advising collectors, artists, estates, galleries, art advisors, dealers, and investors on art ?related transactions and business ventures, including operating structures, commercial arrangements, and tax compliance. Her practice spans a wide range of fine art and collectible property—from antiquities and Old Masters to contemporary art and unique collectibles such as musical instruments, rare books and coins, and natural history objects. Sensitive to the emotional and personal significance that often attaches to collections, Kenley brings a balanced and nuanced approach to her work and frequently collaborates with family offices, art advisors, and estate planning lawyers to ensure clients and their families receive holistic, thoughtful, and comprehensive advice.

Education

- New York University School of Law (LL.M. in Taxation)
- Duke University School of Law (J.D.)
- Hamilton College (B.A.)

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Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey

Memberships and Affiliations

- Member, Art Law Committee, New York City Bar Association (2025-present)
- Member, Professional Advisory Council, Greenwich Historical Society (2021-present)
- Former Member, Estate and Gift Taxation Committee, New York City Bar Association (2021-2024)