

# Christopher Robinson: “Art Commission Agreements and VARA Moral Rights”.

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Christopher Robinson published an article entitled “Art Commission Agreements and VARA Moral Rights” in the American Bar Association publication entitled *Landslide* linked here *Landslide* December/January 2024 digital issue. The article includes an in-depth discussion of the Second Circuit’s recent controversial decision in *Kerson v. Vermont Law School, Inc.*“

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## Christopher Robinson assisted his client in the unique commission of a work of art for the three-panel nose cone of a Blue Origin rocket.

Rottenberg Lipman Rich attorney Christopher Robinson assisted his client, Mariane Ibrahim Gallery of Chicago and Paris, to negotiate a truly unique project for gallery artist Amoako Boafo – the commission of an original work of art for the three-panel nose cone of a Blue Origin rocket. <https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/amoako-boafoto-send-triptych-into-space-on-jef-f-bezos-s-blue-origin-rocket>. “This was a first for me,” commented Chris. “You never know where art law will take you.”

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# Christopher Robinson will be presenting: What Lawyers Need to Know About the Visual Artists Rights Act (VARA).

**Christopher Robinson**, of counsel at Rottenberg Lipman Rich PC, will be presenting on April 30 at the Federal Bar Association's annual Art Law and Litigation conference on *Street Art and Real Property: What Lawyers Need to Know About the Visual Artists Rights Act (VARA)*. The virtual panel, which runs from 2.30 to 3.30, will explain what rights VARA gives street artists and how they may impact building owners and developers. Chris will discuss the recent *5Pointz* case in which damages of \$6.75 million plus attorneys fees were awarded to a group of artists for the destruction of their artwork. Philippa Leongard, Deputy Director of the Kernochan Center for Law, Media and the Arts at Columbia Law School, will discuss the cases that have arisen in *5Pointz*' wake.

Chris Robinson's practice focuses on art law and intellectual property. He was co-counsel for the plaintiffs in the *5Pointz* case before the Second Circuit.

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## Mark S. Helweil named a member of Rottenberg Lipman Rich

Rottenberg Lipman Rich, P.C. is delighted to announce that Mark S. Helweil (mhelweil@rlrpclaw.com), formerly Of Counsel to the firm for 27 years, has become a member of the firm.

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# **New Jersey Federal Court grants RLR's motion to dismiss contract and tort claims**

On February 29, 2020, Judge Michael A. Shipp of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey granted the motion of our client, Newport Group Inc., to dismiss the breach of contract and negligence action against it for failure to state...

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# **Ninja Academy to open first Manhattan location**

RLR attorneys, Charles Rich, the head of the real estate practice and Larry Rose, of counsel, successfully represented Nationwide Management Corp in a lease for approximately 5,800 square feet of retail...

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# **American Institute for Conservation (AIC) lead article by Chris Robinson**

Chris Robinson from the firm's Art Law group recently published the lead article in the American Institute for Conservation (AIC) newsletter on the impact...

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# **Brian Ross Investigates — Art Expert Chris Robinson**

Christopher Robinson, Of Counsel, was featured on the recent episode of Brian Ross Investigates on the Law & Crime Network discussing the famous theft of works of art from the Isabella...

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## **Rottenberg Lipman Rich, P.C. Relocates to The Helmsley Building**

New York, NY, Nov. 29, 2016 - Rottenberg Lipman Rich, P.C. will relocate its New York City office to the historic Helmsley Building, 230 Park Avenue, 18th Floor, New York, NY, on December 10, 2016, after almost 24 years...