

Art, Auctions, and Advocacy: A Conversation with Bonnie Brennan

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Host [Caryn Keppler](#), a trust and estates attorney with Offit Kurman, welcomes Bonnie Brennan, Chief Executive Officer of [Christie's](#), for an in-depth conversation exploring the intersection of art, law, collecting, and legacy.

As only the second woman — and the first American woman — to lead Christie's, Bonnie shares her remarkable journey through the auction world, from early inspiration and career pivots to leading one of the most influential institutions in the global art market. Together, Caryn and Bonnie discuss how auctions are evolving, how younger generations are reshaping collecting, and why storytelling, access, and trust remain at the heart of Christie's mission.

This wide-ranging discussion also tackles timely issues facing artists, collectors, and estate planners alike, including the Great American Wealth Transfer, intergenerational stewardship of art collections, market misconceptions, and the role of auctions in building — and preserving — artistic and financial legacies.