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One Beacon and B&B Programs Launch Art Elite to Cover Fine Arts Collections for Museums, Galleries, and Dealers

San Diego, CA: B&B Programs, a division of Barney & Barney LLC that is responsible for national program and wholesale insurance distribution, has launched the Art Elite Insurance Program to underwrite and insure fine art collections for museums, galleries and dealers. Coverage is available nationwide.

"We have seen a growing need to understand and offer appropriate insurance coverage for fine art collections," said Jim O'Connell, Director of Development for B&B Programs. B&B Programs has engaged Chicago based O'Connell International Arts (OIA), to provide specialty claims and loss control services and carrier OneBeacon to provide specialty coverage for the fine art collections of cultural institutions, art galleries, art dealers, community museums and art service operations. The Art Elite program connects experienced underwriters, fine art loss adjusters, fine art risk managers and fine art conservators who understand the unique risks faced by fine art collectors and handlers.

"Because of this partnership with B&B Programs, OneBeacon's commitment to the art community and American cultural institutions is safely in the hands of a unique world class assembly of core experts focused on loss control and specialty claims servicing," said Donald Keahon, OneBeacon's Property and Inland Marine National Manager. Paul Hering, CEO of Barney & Barney LLC commented: "OneBeacon is a valued partner to our company. The Art Elite Program is another example of their commitment to support our efforts "

Joining their other specialty programs, and founded on Barney & Barney's 99 year history of providing community service, this program will support the importance of cultural preservation and the security of fine art in our communities.

Brokers who work with fine arts collectors, businesses and institutions can contact B&B Programs at (858) 587-7477 or jimo@barneyandbarney.com.

For appointed brokers, applications can be submitted at www.asaib.com/ArtElite.htm.

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