

Swan Turton: Legal Support for the Visual Arts

Swan Turton (www.swanturton.com) is a firm of solicitors based in Covent Garden which started in November 2005.

Our **Visual Arts team**, headed by Nicholas Sharp, offer legal advice and support to arts organizations, artists, galleries, studio groups, trade associations, and public art commissioners and consultants. The areas we advise on include: copyright and other intellectual property issues, moral rights, commission and residency contracts, IT agreements, dispute resolution, data protection, and advice on company formation and legal status. We offer informal, expert advice at sensible rates.

Solicitor **Nicholas Sharp** is an experienced arts and business lawyer now specialising in the visual arts. Nicholas has been a director of a-n The Artists Information Company (publishers of a-n Magazine and www.a-n.co.uk) since 1990. He is the author of the a-n Visual Arts Contracts series (which included a model Public Art Commission contract) and co-author of the a-n interactive Artists Contract Toolkit.

He was formerly Special Adviser to the Arts Council's 'Percent for Art' Steering Committee on Contracts for Public Art Commissions and a director of Artpoint Trust, the public art agency based in Oxford.

He was recently commissioned by Arts Council England and the Scottish Arts Council to prepare Checklists and other guidance material on contracts between artists and galleries participating in the national 'Own Art' scheme providing interest-free credit for art purchases.

Swan Turton also has specialist lawyers in the areas of music, theatre, film, television, advertising, defamation and privacy, litigation, publishing and digital media.

Please contact us at any time for an informal discussion.

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