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RECOVERING STOLEN ART YEARS AFTER THE FACT

On October 5, the Los Angeles Daily Journal published an article written by Brian Kabateck and Joshua Najemy on a new law signed by Governor Schwarzenegger that would extend the window for victims and their heirs to recover art stolen during World War II and other conflicts. The bill, AB 2675, would open a window for plaintiffs to file cases that would otherwise have been barred by the statute of limitations.

"Although AB 2765 creates a large opening for new cases seeking recovery of fine art previously barred by the statute of limitations, it has restrictions and limitations in place to ensure the fair protection of defendants," according to Kabateck and Najemy. "This bill will protect the rights of many Californians by allowing a greater opportunity to correct the wrongs of the past."