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## WENDELL CASTLE

### Three-Legged Thumb desk and chair

USA, 1980 | maple, crotch mahogany, ebony  
desk: 29¼ h × 67½ w × 38¾ d in (74 × 171 × 98 cm)  
chair: 27½ h × 24¼ w × 28 d in (70 × 62 × 71 cm)

Stephen Proctor was a member of Wendell Castle's workshop.

Desk features one drawer concealing a pen tray. Carved signature and date to leg of desk and underside of chair 'W. Castle 80'. Carved inscription to underside of desk 'Made by S. Proctor and W. Castle'. These works are unique and are registered with the artist's studio as number 429.

**Provenance:** Kagan Gallery, Philadelphia | Private Collection, Santa Fe | Rago, *Modern*, 25 April 2009, Lot 549 | Acquired from the previous by the present owner, Pinnacle Collection

**Exhibited:** *Wharton to Wendell*, 6 October 2013 - September 2014, Modernism Museum, Mount Dora, FL

**Literature:** *Wendell Castle: A Catalogue Raisonné 1958-2012*, Eerdmans, pg. 179, no. III.142 and ppg. 198-199, no. III.240 illustrate these examples

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**Estimate:** \$35,000–40,000

**Result:** \$32,760

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