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Getting a foot in the door of any industry can be daunting, but the fashion industry proves to be especially difficult. Fashion law in New York is made up of a small community of practitioners, and getting internships is only the beginning of a law student’s path into the fashion industry.

On Thursday, March 25, Barbara Kolsun (General Counsel of Stuart Weitzman, LLC) and Joseph Forgione (Director of Trademark Enforcement at the Gioconda Law Group) will speak about how to make the most of an internship in the fashion industry, and how students can make an impact while still in law school that will reap benefits post graduation. Whether you’re looking for advice on how to get a fashion industry internship, how to take advantage of a current internship, or simply how to turn your past internship into a gem on your résumé, you should come hear what Barbara Kolsun and Joseph Forgione have to say.

Barbara Kolsun is General Counsel of Stuart Weitzman, LLC, where she started the company’s first in-house legal department in which she manages all legal matters, including intellectual property. Prior to Stuart Weitzman, Ms. Kolsun served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Seven For All Mankind LLC, where she instituted the company’s first in-house legal department that managed all intellectual property matters. Such work included the drafting and negotiating of all domestic and international consulting, licensing, and distribution agreements; the registering of trademarks and copyrights; and an extensive anti-counterfeiting program.

Joseph M. Forgione is the Director of Trademark Enforcement at the Gioconda Law Group, a law firm providing brand protection litigation, investigations, and strategy to clients including those in the fashion and luxury goods industry. He previously worked in the corporate legal department at Chanel, Inc., where he participated in brick-and-mortar and online intellectual property enforcement. Mr. Forgione holds an LL.M. degree, Master of Laws in Intellectual Property Law, from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

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