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### **Fashion & Apparel Confab-ulous**

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP -- 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 2400 in New York, New York 10012 06.09.2009

Please join us for our upcoming

**Fashion & Apparel Confab-ulous** Networking Event

Tuesday, June 9, 2009 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Our Confabs are informal networking events where you can "meet and greet" your peers in the industry followed by a short "hot topic" presentation by various industry experts.

#### Location:

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#### Agenda:

5:30 - 6:30 Networking, Networking, Networking - Hors d'oeuvres and drinks

6:30 – 7:00 The Design Piracy Prohibition Act: Change Fashion Needs Copyright and Fashion Design at the Crossroads in 2009

In April, designers Jason Wu, Narciso Rodriguez, Maria Cornejo and Thakoon Panichgul – all of whom have been worn by First Lady Michelle Obama – traveled to Washington for one day to lobby Congress for support of the bill. On April 30, 2009, the "Design Piracy Prohibition Act" was officially reintroduced in U.S. House of Representatives. This bill, if enacted, would amend Chapter 13 of the U.S. Copyright Act and grant fashion designs a three-year term of protection, based on registration with the U.S. Copyright Office. Currently, fashion design does not receive explicit protection under U.S. copyright law and protection of certain types of apparel designs can only be found through trademark and patent law. This confab will discuss the proposed bill and its impact on the fashion industry both positive and negative.

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