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Alex and Ani will join 13 other Southern New England companies offering students experiential learning in our Corporate Counsel Clinical Externship Program.



CRANSTON, R.I., November 17, 2014 -- Contracts.

Patents and copyrights. Real Estate leases. Litigation. Those are just some of the areas in which Roger Williams University School of Law students will receive valuable clinical experience as part of a new externship program between the law school and Alex and Ani, one of America's fastest growing lifestyle brands.

Beginning in Spring of 2015, Alex and Ani will join 13 other companies in Southern New England that are offering RWU Law students the opportunity to earn academic credit while training in its in-house corporate law department as part of the school's [Corporate Counsel Clinical Externship Program](#).

"Learning to think critically and how to apply the law in corporate situations that aren't spelled out in a textbook are invaluable experiences for soon-to-be members of the bar," said **Suzanne Kelly, General Counsel to Alex and Ani**. "As a company that is committed to building a culture that focuses on mindful actions, we are pleased to team with RWU Law to help support the next generation of legal professionals in the Ocean State."

One student per semester will be selected by RWU Law for the legal externship position at Alex and Ani. To further enhance real-world experiences, student applicants will be subjected to the formal Alex and Ani hiring process. As part of that process the student will learn about expectations for the position, as well as the company's code of conduct and core values – just like interns and employees in other departments at the company.

“Educating the next generation of lawyers is our mission, and we are thrilled to join with Alex and Ani in offering this invaluable training program with a company that shares our core values of promoting positive experiences,” said **RWU Law Dean Michael J. Yelnosky**. “By partnering with local corporate leaders, we are able to offer our students hands-on experiential learning programs that will prepare them as future legal leaders in our state and beyond.”

About Alex and Ani

Alex and Ani, LLC offers eco-conscious, positive energy products created by Carolyn Rafaelian, Founder, CEO and Chief Creative Officer. The Company's World Headquarters are located in Cranston, Rhode Island, where its products are designed, manufactured and assembled using recycled local materials. Carolyn believes that every individual has a positive message to share with the world, and by incorporating powerful symbolism and design into each positive energy piece, Alex and Ani provides a vehicle for wearers to express their individuality. An Inc. 500 Company, Alex and Ani has retail stores, in addition to retail partners, both domestically and internationally. Please visit www.AlexandAni.com for more information.