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# RICO Lawsuit Against Shein

## RICO Report Podcast

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Join Troutman Pepper White Collar and Litigation Partner [Cal Stein](#) for a special podcast series, discussing the legal landscape surrounding the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO).

In this installment, Cal welcomes Troutman Pepper Intellectual Property Partner [Austin Padgett](#) to discuss the recent RICO lawsuit against fast-fashion giant, Shein, and what it means for the industry. Specific topics include:

- Background on the fast-fashion industry and the Shein companies (2:00);
- Plaintiffs' claims and factual allegations against Shein (5:12);
- The alleged Shein RICO "enterprise" (7:41);
- Shein's alleged "racketeering activity": criminal copyright infringement (14:38);
- "Pattern" allegations: Reliance on other lawsuits against Shein (23:30); and
- Key takeaway: RICO claim threatens the core of the fast-fashion industry (28:32).

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