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On Monday, April 16, Michael Brizel joined the Saks, Inc., team, and on May 7, he will begin his new duties as the company's general counsel and executive vice president.



The former general counsel and senior vice president for *Reader's Digest*, Brizel will be taking the place of Charles Hansen at the company, which is most recognized for its Saks Fifth Avenue department stores. **Brizel will join the Saks, Inc., team on April 16.**

After Hansen leaves his position on May 4, Brizel will take over, reporting to chief executive Steve Sadove and working out of the company's New York office, as Saks is moving many of its offices from their current location in Birmingham, AL, to New York.

Throughout his career, Brizel has worked in the areas of human resources law, corporate and commercial law, and litigation management. He has worked for The Reader's Digest Association since 1989 and has served as its general counsel since 2002. Armed with a law degree from Cornell Law School, he has also worked for General Foods Corporation and the law firm of Summit, Rovins and Feldesman.

Brizel will manage all legal issues concerning the company's 54 Saks Fifth

Avenue stores, 49 Saks Off Fifth stores, website (www.saks.com), and Club Libby Lu specialty stores.

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