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Education

J.D., St. John's University School of Law, 2012 (*cum laude*; Senior Articles Editor, *St. John's Law Review*)

B.A., Loyola College, Maryland, 2008 (*cum laude*)

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Ryan Adams is part of the firm's SEC Reporting and Compliance Group and focuses his practice on securities regulation, corporate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance.

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Adams was an attorney in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Corporation Finance. He most recently served in the division's Office of Chief Counsel, where he gained extensive experience in a variety of issues arising under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In this role, Mr. Adams regularly provided interpretative advice and guidance regarding the federal securities laws to registrants, outside counsel and staff attorneys at the SEC. Mr. Adams also served as a member of the Rule 14a-8 Shareholder Proposal Taskforce in the Office of Chief Counsel for three consecutive proxy seasons, where he most recently acted as a co-manager. Prior to his work in the Office of Chief Counsel, Mr. Adams was in the division's Office of Transportation and Leisure, where he worked on transactional and securities compliance matters relating to the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including IPO and business combination registration statements, proxy and information statements, periodic and current reports, and confidential treatment requests.

While in law school, Mr. Adams spent a semester as an intern in the St. John's Securities Arbitration Clinic, where he represented underserved investors in securities arbitration claims before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. He also spent a summer as an intern for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, and a semester as an intern for a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of New York.