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LL.B. (Hons), College of Management
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Roy Cohen represents public companies and their boards in shareholder activism defense, shareholder engagement and corporate governance matters, including proxy contests, activist settlements, takeover defenses, rights plans, bylaw and charter provisions, activism preparedness, and board and committee presentations.

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Cohen practiced in the shareholder activism defense group of another international law firm. Earlier in his career, he was an attorney at the Israel Securities Authority and, before that, a judicial clerk at the Supreme Court of Israel. He is also currently a J.S.D. candidate at Columbia Law School, where his dissertation examines hedge fund activism and corporate innovation.

Selected representations, including those handled prior to joining Skadden (as noted by *), include:

- The New York Times in connection with an activist investment by ValueAct*
- Hasbro in its proxy contest defense against Alta Fox and Ancora*
- The Gabelli Dividend & Income Trust in its proxy contest defense against Saba Capital
- Performance Food Group in its cooperation agreement with Sachem Head
- ZIM Integrated Shipping Services in its proxy contest defense against a shareholder group led by Mor Gemel Pension, Reading Capital and Sparta 24
- Rogers in its proxy contest defense and settlement with Starboard*
- Texas Pacific Land Corporation in its proxy contest defense and related litigation against Horizon Kinetics and SoftVest*
- Alkermes in its proxy contest defense against Sarissa Capital and its defense against Elliott's activism campaign*
- TreeHouse in its proxy contest defense against JANA Partners*
- Cubic in its defense against an unsolicited takeover bid by Elliott and Veritas*
- AMMO in its proxy contest defense against the Urvan Group*
- BlackRock in its proxy contest defense against Saba Capital*
- UBS Puerto Rico funds in their proxy contest defense against Ocean Capital*
- Benefitfocus in its proxy contest defense against Indaba Capital Management*
- Genworth Financial in its proxy contest defense against a shareholder*
- OneSpan in its cooperation agreement with Legion Partners*
- Sachem Capital Corp. in its cooperation agreement with Blackwells Capital*
- Comtech Telecommunications in its cooperation agreement with its founder and former CEO*
- National Vision in its engagement with Engine Capital*
- Hill Path Capital in its engagement with United Parks & Resorts*
- LifePoint Health in its acquisition of Kindred Healthcare*
- Siris Capital Group in the separation of Electronics For Imaging's software business into an independent company named eProductivity Software*