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Education
J.D., Brooklyn Law School

B.A., Colgate University

Bar Admissions
New York

U.S. District Courts for the District of Columbia and the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Ninth and District of Columbia Circuits

Experience
Law Clerk, Hon. Edward R. Korman, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Alex Drylewski is co-head of Skadden's Blockchain and Digital Assets Group. His practice focuses on high-stakes commercial litigation around the world, having represented companies and individuals across a wide range of industries and disputes, including high-profile litigation involving emerging technologies, government investigations, class actions, trials and appeals.

Mr. Drylewski's representative matters include:

- obtaining numerous wins in cases involving alleged violations of federal securities laws, securities class actions, shareholder derivative suits and matters regarding short seller reports
- representing clients in the blockchain and digital asset industry in litigation, government investigations, enforcement actions, rulemaking challenges and corporate transactions
- bringing numerous constitutional and procedural litigation challenges to administrative rulemaking and regulations
- defending class action litigations involving state laws, unfair competition statutes, civil RICO claims and other theories of liability
- playing key roles in multiple billion-dollar civil trials
- representing *pro bono* clients in federal death penalty litigation, as well as matters involving deprivation of constitutional rights and housing and evictions

Mr. Drylewski's recent accolades include: named a Fintech MVP (*Law360* 2026 and 2023) / named a BTI Client Service All-Star (BTI Consulting Group 2026) / ranked in Band 1 for work in Crypto-Asset Disputes (*Chambers FinTech* 2023-26) / ranked for Securities Litigation (*Chambers USA* 2023-26) / among the 500 Leading Global Litigators (*Lawdragon* 2024-26) / among the 500 Leading Litigators in America (*Lawdragon* 2024-27) / among the 500 Leading Lawyers in America (*Lawdragon* 2024-25) / among the 500 Leading Global Cyber Lawyers (*Lawdragon* 2025-26) / one of the 500 X – The Next Generation (*Lawdragon* 2023-24) / a Future Star (*Benchmark Litigation* 2021-26) / winner of a *Law360* Distinguished Legal Writing Award (Burton Awards 2023) / a Rising Star (*New York Law Journal* 2020).

He was also recognized by *The American Lawyer* for successfully representing Coinbase Global and its CEO against federal securities claims in a proposed class action (2023), representing Lyft Inc. in successfully enjoining a new "driver deactivation" law on constitutional grounds (2026) and invalidating a new "cruising cap" rule in New York City (2020), representing Capital One in appellate litigation related to the taxi and ride-hail industries (2021) and representing Maker Ecosystem Growth Foundation in litigation relating to the MakerDAO blockchain platform (2020).

Mr. Drylewski is a member of the board of trustees of the Historical Society of the New York Courts.