

Partner, New York

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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 complex commercial litigation around the world, and he has represented companies and individuals across a wide range of industries and disputes, including high-profile litigation involving emerging technologies, government investigations, securities class actions, trials and appeals.

Mr. Drylewski's representative matters include:

- obtaining numerous dismissals of securities class actions and shareholder derivative lawsuits involving alleged violations of federal securities laws
- representing clients in the blockchain and digital asset technology industry in litigation, government investigations, enforcement actions, rulemaking challenges and corporate transactions
- advising clients in the rideshare industry, including in litigation and challenges to administrative rules and regulations
- defending class action litigations involving state securities 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* 2023) / winner of a *Law360* Distinguished Legal Writing Award (Burton Awards 2023) / ranked in Band 1 for work in Crypto-Asset Disputes (*Chambers FinTech* 2023-25) / ranked for Securities Litigation (*Chambers USA* 2023-25) / among the 500 Leading Global Litigators (*Lawdragon* 2025 and 2024) / among the 500 Leading Litigators in America (*Lawdragon* 2025 and 2024) / among the 500 Leading Lawyers in America (*Lawdragon* 2024-26) / among the 500 Leading Global Cyber Lawyers (*Lawdragon* 2025) / one of the 500 X – The Next Generation (*Lawdragon* 2024) / a Future Star (*Benchmark Litigation* 2021-25) / a Rising Star (*New York Law Journal* 2020).

He also was recognized by *The American Lawyer* for successfully defending Coinbase Global and its CEO against federal securities claims in a proposed class action (2023), representing Capital One in appellate litigation related to the taxi and ride-hail industries (2021), representing Lyft Inc. in successfully invalidating a new "cruising cap" rule in New York City (2020) 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.