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J.D., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2005 (Gold Medalist)

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Ryan Dzierniejko is the global head of Skadden's capital markets practice. He represents companies across a wide range of industries in their most important capital markets and other corporate transactions. He has significant experience leading high-profile mandates ranging from venture capital financings and IPOs of "unicorns" to complex equity and debt financings for the *Fortune* 500.

Ryan has been repeatedly recognized as a leading adviser in his field. He is ranked Band 1 for Capital Markets by *Chambers USA* (the highest individual ranking in his field) and has been named a *Law360* Capital Markets MVP twice in the last five years. He has also been named FinTech Dealmaker of the Year by *The Deal* and is consistently honored as one of *Lawdragon*'s 500 Leading Dealmakers in America. Earlier in his career, he was the recipient of multiple Rising Star awards, including being named Best in Capital Markets.

Ryan regularly works with private companies to execute late-stage financings and strategically prepare for an IPO. Over the past six years, he has led more than 30 IPOs for innovative and disruptive companies looking to access the U.S. capital markets. He also has extensive experience representing companies and investment banks in high-yield and investment-grade debt financings, leading over $400 billion of offerings to date. Additionally, he advises corporate clients on matters involving corporate governance, the SEC and U.S. stock exchanges.

Ryan has led some of the largest and most notable capital markets transactions in recent years, including:

- numerous "unicorn" pre-IPO financings, ranging from the largest seed financing ever completed (Binance.US) to some of the largest late-stage financings ever completed (*e.g.*, WeWork)
- the best-performing IPO of the past decade (Shopify)
- the largest NYSE IPO of 2025 (Venture Global), the best-performing IPO of 2025 (Circle), the largest NYSE IPO of 2024 (Viking), the best-performing IPO of 2023 (Cava) and the largest IPO of 2021 (Rivian)
- the first direct listing by an east coast company (Squarespace)
- the IPO of the most valuable Israeli company to access the U.S. capital markets (Monday.com)
- the IPO of the most valuable South American company to access the U.S. capital markets at the time (XP)
- the largest follow-on offering ever completed by a U.S. issuer (Meta)
- the largest debt and equity offerings ever completed by a Canadian company (Rogers and Barrick, respectively)
- two of the largest inaugural bond offerings of the past decade (Meta and DowDuPont)
- the second-largest high-yield debt offering ever completed (Valeant)

Ryan is also recognized by *Chambers Global*, *Chambers FinTech*, *IFLR1000* and *The Legal 500*. Clients describe him to *Chambers* as "very commercial and incredibly strategic," "an exceptional deal lawyer with the perfect blend of substance and practicality" and "a true partner on deals — whether representing the issuer or the underwriters, his clients love him."

Ryan graduated as the gold medalist in his law school class. He spent several years in Skadden's Toronto office, where he gained extensive experience representing foreign companies on cross-border transactions. He has taught Tech and VC Law at Columbia Law School and sits on the board of directors of Covenant House International.