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Education

J.D., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2005

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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*.

Mr. Dzierniejko has been repeatedly recognized as a leading adviser in his field, including recently being named as one of five Capital Markets MVPs by *Law360*, honoring an elite slate of attorneys who have distinguished themselves from their peers. He also has 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.

Mr. Dzierniejko regularly works with private companies to execute late-stage financings and strategically prepare for an IPO. Over the past five years, he has led more than 25 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 \$250 billion of offerings to date. Additionally, he advises corporate clients on matters involving corporate governance, the SEC and U.S. stock exchanges.

Mr. Dzierniejko 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 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 (XP)
- the largest equity offering ever completed by a Canadian company (Barrick)
- the largest debt offering ever completed by a Canadian company (Rogers)
- numerous inaugural debt offerings, including two of the largest inaugural bond offerings of the past decade (Meta and DowDuPont)
- the second-largest high-yield debt offering ever completed (Valeant)

Mr. Dzierniejko is recognized by *Chambers Global*, *IFLR1000* and *The Legal 500*, with clients noting to *Chambers* that he is "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." Another client noted to *Chambers* that he is "a clear communicator, able to demystify even the most complex concepts. You call Ryan and your problem gets solved; he's very calm."

Mr. Dzierniejko spent several years in Skadden's Toronto office, where he gained extensive experience representing foreign companies on cross-border transactions.

Mr. Dzierniejko graduated as the gold medalist in his law school class. He currently teaches Tech and VC Law at Columbia Law School.