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## Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2004 (Editor, Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review)

M.Tax, Baylor University, 1999

B.B.A., Baylor University, 1998 (summa cum laude)

#### **Bar Admissions**

District of Columbia Texas

### **Government Service**

Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (2018-20)

Senior Advisor to Chairman Jay Clayton, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (2017-18)

Senior Special Counsel to the Director of the Division of Corporation Finance, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (2015-17)

Attorney Fellow, Office of Rulemaking and Capital Markets Trends, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (2011-15)

## Certifications

Certified Public Accountant

Raquel Fox is the head of Skadden's U.S. ESG practice and co-head of the firm's SEC Reporting and Compliance practice. She concentrates her practice in the areas of capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and general corporate and securities matters, advising clients on the full range of ESG and SEC reporting and compliance requirements.

During Ms. Fox's 10 years of service at the SEC, she held several leadership positions, including serving as the director of the Office of International Affairs, senior adviser to then-Chairman Jay Clayton and senior special counsel to two directors in the Division of Corporation Finance. She also served as a professional attorney fellow in the SEC's Office of Rulemaking and Office of Capital Markets Trends.

While at the SEC, Ms. Fox oversaw the agency's participation in international disclosure-related projects that focused on ESG, accounting and audits, emerging risks, data privacy and fintech; coordinated with the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board and the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (two key ESG disclosure frameworks); and led negotiations with senior U.S. and foreign regulatory officials. She also managed enforcement and supervisory assistance programs to support cross-border securities examinations, investigations, trading suspensions and enforcement actions by the SEC and foreign authorities. Additionally, Ms. Fox served as a primary adviser on rulemakings, legal interpretations, the SEC's disclosure review program, cybersecurity disclosure, shareholder proposals, corporate governance matters, capital formation and enforcement referrals. She also provided substantial assistance on the Disclosure Effectiveness Initiative to help modernize the public company reporting regime, including on the legal and accounting requirements of SEC filings and technological improvements to EDGAR. In recognition of her work, she was selected as the recipient of three SEC Law and Policy awards.

Ms. Fox has been ranked in Band 1 of *Chambers USA* and recognized as one of *Lawdragon*'s 500 Leading Lawyers in America and 500 Leading Dealmakers in America. She was selected as a 2022 fellow of the American College of Governance Counsel. She also is currently vice chair of the Nasdaq Listing and Hearing Review Council, which is responsible for making recommendations to the Nasdaq board on policy and rule changes related to issuer listing standards. She regularly appears on panels to provide her extensive insights on ESG developments, SEC reporting and compliance, and corporate governance matters.

Before joining the SEC, Ms. Fox was a counsel at an international law firm in its Washington, D.C. office, where she advised companies and their boards on securities law compliance and corporate governance matters and represented issuers and underwriters in capital markets transactions. She began her career as a certified public accountant.