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Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, 2004

B.A., New York University College of Arts and Science, 2001 (*cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

New York

Recent Publications

"Skadden Discusses Major Changes to Federal Proxy Rules," *The CLS Blue Sky Blog*, October 12, 2026

"SEC Proposes Major Changes to Federal Proxy Rules, Including Rescinding the Shareholder Proposal Rule," *Skadden Publication*, September 18, 2026

"Activism Update: Fewer Proxy Contests, More AI-Focused Themes," *Skadden Publication / The Informed Board*, September 2026

"Will Curbs on Proxy Advisors Make Shareholder Votes Less Predictable?" *The Corporate & Securities Law Advisor*, May 2026

Elizabeth Gonzalez-Sussman is head of Skadden's shareholder engagement and activism practice. She focuses on advising companies around the globe on how best to prepare for, respond to and defend against activist campaigns.

Ms. Gonzalez-Sussman has extensive experience counseling on the full range of shareholder engagement and activism matters, including in connection with shareholder proposals, proxy contests, withhold campaigns, consent solicitations, stock accumulations, short attacks and unsolicited acquisition proposals. She also represents boards and management teams of both public and private companies on the unique issues they face in the context of shareholder activism, board-related disputes, M&A and other corporate transactions, and corporate governance matters.

Ms. Gonzalez-Sussman has been repeatedly named a leading lawyer in Corporate/M&A: Shareholder Activism by *Chambers USA*, has achieved Tier 1 "Leading Lawyer" recognition for Shareholder Activism in *The Legal 500 U.S.* and is listed as one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Dealmakers in America and 500 Global Leaders in Crisis Management. She has also been honored as one of *Crain's New York Business*' Notable M&A Dealmakers and a Power Players Distinguished Advisor in Shareholder Activism by *Financier Worldwide*.

Prior to joining Skadden, Ms. Gonzalez-Sussman served as vice chair of the shareholder activism practice at another law firm, where she advised hedge funds and large investors on the strategy and execution involved in all types of shareholder activism-related activities — including many successful campaigns for board representation — for nearly 20 years.

Recent Speaking Engagements

"Fireside Chat with Top Activism Defense Lawyers Panel," 2026 Proxy Disclosure & 23rd Annual Executive Compensation Conference, October 11-12, 2026

"Global Shareholder Activism Trends," Expert Webcast, May 13, 2026

"Governance and Shareholder Activism" as part of Practising Law Institute's 23rd Annual Directors' Institute on Corporate Governance, November 17, 2025

"Assessing and Planning for the Impacts of Recent SEC Developments," Skadden webinar, November 12, 2025

"How Activists Think: Reactions & Takeaways for Public Companies," 2025 Proxy Disclosure & 22nd Annual Executive Compensation Conference, October 21, 2025

"2025 Proxy Season and M&A Activism Trends and Takeaways," PLI's Shareholder Activism 2025: The Old, the New and the Unexpected conference, October 17, 2025

"Shareholder Activism," 45th Annual Ray Garrett Jr. Corporate and Securities Law Institute, October 9, 2025

Second Annual Skadden Texas Energy Conference, October 7, 2025

Other Media

"Activist Investors Target Drug Developers" segment on "Bloomberg Markets with Scarlet Fu," *Bloomberg TV*, July 21, 2025 (Interview)

"Is an Activist Targeting Your Company?" Skadden Podcast / The Informed Board, February 18, 2025

"When and How To Replace a Director," Skadden Podcast / The Informed Board, November 19, 2024