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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

Publications

"Glass Lewis To End Benchmark Proxy Voting Policy: What Companies Should Know," *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance*, October 29, 2025, and *Skadden Publication*, October 20, 2025

"Activists Say 'Yes' to 'Vote No' Campaigns in 2025," *Skadden Publication / The Informed Board*, Summer 2025

"Court Upholds Legality of Poison Pills for Closed-End Funds but Limits Successive Plans," *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance*, April 16, 2025, and *Skadden Publication*, April 1, 2025

Co-author, "How Long Is Too Long? Activists Continue To Target Director Tenure," *Skadden Publication / The Informed Board*, Fall 2024

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

2025 Proxy Disclosure & 22nd Annual Executive Compensation Conference, October 21, 2025

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

Wolfe Research Activist Conference, June 4, 2025

37th Annual Corporate Law Institute, Tulane University Law School, March 7, 2025

Navigating Contemporary Corporate Law Symposium, University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law, February 27, 2025

Practising Law Institute's Twenty-Second Annual Directors' Institute on Corporate Governance, November 25, 2024

LACBA 55th Annual Securities Regulation Seminar, October 17, 2024

Shareholder Activism in the Boardroom and Shareholder Engagement, Bank of America and The Women's Bond Club, September 16, 2024

Other Media

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

"Understanding Activism with John & J.T.: Elizabeth Gonzalez-Sussman on Activism from Both Sides of the Table," *The Corporate Counsel*, November 8, 2024

Activist Investing Today: Gonzalez-Sussman on Why 'Gamesmanship' Fails, *The Deal Activist Investing Today Podcast*, November 6, 2024