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Education

J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1993 (*cum laude*; Articles Editor, *Boston University Law Review*)

B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1990 (*cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

New York

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Experience

Law Clerk, Donald W. VanArtsdalen, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1993-94)

Mike McTigue represents leading companies in class actions and civil litigation in jurisdictions across the country and has an extensive track record of success handling mass arbitrations.

Mr. McTigue is one of the leaders of Skadden's mass arbitration practice and one of the country's preeminent class action defense litigators. He is widely regarded for his work representing companies in high-stakes litigation and mass arbitration matters and has been the architect of novel strategies and solutions for numerous industry-leading businesses across a range of industries, including retail, financial services, telecommunications, media and entertainment, sports and hospitality, technology, and pharmaceuticals/life sciences.

Mr. McTigue has an extensive track record of obtaining early dismissals and plaintiffs' voluntarily dismissal of claims, defending cases on the merits, defeating class certification, negotiating favorable individual settlements and curtailing the efforts of professional litigants. He routinely defends clients in matters that involve federal and state statutes, including the Video Privacy Protection Act (VPPA), the Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA), the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA), the Federal Wiretap Act, the Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act (WESCA), the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), the Washington Commercial Electronic Mail Act (CEMA) and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), among many others.

In recognition of his work, he has been repeatedly recognized by the BTI Consulting Group, *Benchmark Litigation* and *The Legal Intelligencer* for client service and contributions to the legal profession. He has also been named one of *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Global Litigators and 500 Leading Litigators in America, as well as a *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer.

In late 2025, Mr. McTigue co-authored a comprehensive report on "Private Power, Public Harm: The Coercive Dynamics of Mass Arbitration" on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform. For several years, he co-authored the USA chapter of the *International Comparative Legal Guide to Consumer Protection Laws and Regulations*. Additionally, he has been a guest lecturer on privacy and class action litigation at Villanova University School of Law and the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. McTigue held numerous leadership roles at his previous firms, including serving as litigation practice head.

Selected Speaking Engagements

"Mass Actions and the Law," TechLegal, May 2026

"The State of Mass Arbitrations," 2026 Class Action Money & Ethics Conference, May 2026

"When Arbitration Becomes the Weapon: Defending Against Mass Arbitration Attacks," Lawyers for Civil Justice Spring 2026 Meeting, May 2026

"Opt-In, Mass Arbitration, and Book Building of Class Members for Collective Redress," Perfect Law Global Class Actions and Mass Torts Conference, April 2026

"CEMA (Washington Commercial Electronic Mail Act)/Email Pricing Webinar," Retail Litigation Center webinar, January 2026

"Impact of Arbitration Clauses in Class Actions and the Rise of Mass Arbitration," Global Class Actions Symposium 2025, November 2025