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J.D., Columbia Law School, 2005
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Chad Silverman represents financial institutions and other corporations and individuals in investigations, litigation, and other regulatory and civil enforcement matters. Mr. Silverman has extensive experience in investigations into global financial institutions on a variety of issues, including those involving the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the U.S. Department of Justice, and other government authorities and self-regulatory organizations.

Mr. Silverman also regularly counsels clients on compliance issues relating to the futures, swaps and digital asset markets, including with regard to futures commission merchant (FCM) and swap-dealer rules and guidance. He also assists clients in responding to National Futures Association (NFA) and SEC examinations and advises on regulatory and transactional matters with a nexus to derivative products and crypto assets.

Prior to rejoining Skadden in 2015, Mr. Silverman was a senior trial attorney at the CFTC, where he led investigations concerning a wide range of topics involving the application of the Commodity Exchange Act and Commission regulations to commodities, swaps, digital assets and other derivatives markets. His role included leading litigation as well as coordinating efforts with various U.S. attorney's offices and the SEC. His cases included investigations into the protection of customer funds, manipulation of interest rate benchmarks through swaps trading and false submissions, as well as manipulation involving natural gas derivatives.