Cory J. Skolnick

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Industries

Finance

Blockchain

Consumable Goods

Manufacturing

Regional & Community Banks

Supply Chain

Technology

Practice Areas

Business & Commercial Litigation

Antitrust & Trade Regulation

Appellate

Banking & Financial Disputes

Class Actions

Consumer Financial Services & Protection

Family Office Services

Litigation

Securities & Shareholder Disputes

Trial Work

Bar Memberships

Kentucky

Virginia

Washington, D.C.

Cory represents clients in a wide array of complex litigation, as well as investigative, administrative and regulatory matters at the federal, state and local levels. Cory has been recognized as one of Kentucky's leading litigators.

Cory has played a lead role in representative trial-level matters that include defending a national retailer in a state attorney general's investigation and lawsuit (and follow-on class action lawsuits); defending a major accounting firm in a nationwide class action lawsuit; defending an international airline against antitrust claims in Multidistrict Litigation; enforcing a cable network's ability to control the content of its programming; challenging a city's plan to build a new professional football stadium; and representing several spirits companies, spirits adjacent companies and industry players in high profile governance, contract, trademark, and other disputes.

Cory also has significant appellate experience before the Supreme Court of the United States and in several of the federal and state courts of appeals. Representative appellate-level matters include twice challenging the legality of the SEC's controversial mutual fund governance rule on behalf of a national business association; enforcing a nationwide class action settlement on behalf of a national managed care company; seeking to overturn a nationwide class certification order on behalf of a large automaker; and defending the immunity of a national self-regulatory organization before an en banc court.

Cory has substantial experience conducting internal corporate investigations and representing clients before government agencies. Recently, he has represented multiple clients in separate

high-stakes proceedings concerning state attorneys general. Cory has helped clients navigate through several types of investigations and actions, including securities enforcement, cryptocurrency, consumer protection, antitrust, accounting, and fraud, while advising clients regularly on administrative and regulatory issues.

Cory also handles inheritance litigation for high-net-worth and ultra-high-net-worth families representing beneficiaries to resolve their trust and inheritance disputes.

In addition to being an accomplished litigator, Cory is a current member of the firm's Board of Directors and has held several leadership positions at FBT Gibbons, including a five-year stint as practice group leader for Business & Commercial Litigation.

Cory is engaged in the community, including through his service on Kentucky's State Board of Elections and his participation on many civic boards. Cory serves as a Kentucky Commissioner to the Uniform Law Commission.

"Cory is brilliant. He is able to look at the whole picture and give different strategic advice on how to approach any situation." – Chambers USA

"Cory Skolnick is an excellent litigator. He has strong negotiation skills, great case management and communication skills. Cory is able to take complex legal issues and make them very simple for business input." – Chambers USA

"Cory is a very good class action litigator. He is tactical, strategic and knows how to solve cases." – Chambers USA

Other Info About Cory

Work History

Associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in Washington, D.C., 2001-2007

Education

Duke University School of Law, J.D. & LL.M, 2000, *with honors*

Duke Law Journal, Editorial Board

Moot Court Board, Member

Princeton University, A.B., 1997, *with honors*

Clerkships

Law Clerk to the Honorable Eugene E. Siler, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2000-2001

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Danny J. Boggs, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Summer 1998

Courts

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Recognition

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, Life Member

Chambers USA, Litigation: General Commercial, 2021-2026

Kentucky Super Lawyers, 2022-2026

The Best Lawyers in America®, Banking and Finance Law, 2027; Commercial Litigation, 2021-2027; Litigation – Banking and Finance, 2024-2027; Litigation – Real Estate, 2025-2027, "Lawyer of the Year," 2027

Benchmark Litigation, Litigation Star, 2025-2026

Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow

Louisville Business First, 20 People to Know Law

Louisville Magazine, Top Lawyer

Kentucky Rising Stars®, 2015

Frost Brown Todd Super Mentor of the Year, 2013

Frost Brown Todd Mentor of the Year, 2011 & 2012

Professional Affiliations

Kentucky State Board of Elections, Member, 2020-Present

Uniform Law Commission (National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws), Kentucky Commissioner, 2018-Present

- Child Digital Entertainers Drafting Committee, Chair, 2024-Present
- Joint Editorial Board on Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Member, 2024-Present
- Constitutionality Committee, Member, 2024-Present
- Division Chair, 2025-Present
- Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Drafting Committee, former Member, Adopted 2024
- Trade Secrets Act Study Committee, former Member
- Antitrust Study Committee, former Member
- Third-Party Funding of Litigation Study Committee, former Member
- Jury Selection and Service Study Committee, former Member

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), former Pathfinder Program Facilitator

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), former Mentor

Kentucky Bar Association, 2008-Present

District of Columbia Bar Association, 2002-Present

Virginia State Bar, 2000-Present

Civic Activities

Leadership Louisville Center, Board Director & General Counsel, 2023-Present

Frazier History Museum, Board Director & General Counsel, 2024-Present

Louisville Zoo Foundation, Inc., Board Member, 2022-Present

Princeton Alumni Association of Louisville, President, 2015-Present

Alumni Council of Princeton University, former Executive Committee Member

Alumni Association of Princeton University, Committee on Regional Associations, former Member

Leadership Louisville Program, Class of 2011

Louisville Bar Association Leadership Academy, Class of 2009

Firm Committees

Board of Directors, Member

Compensation Committee, former Chair

Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group, former Chair

Nominating Committee, former Member

Recruiting Committee, former Member

Women's Initiative Committee, former Member

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