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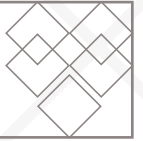
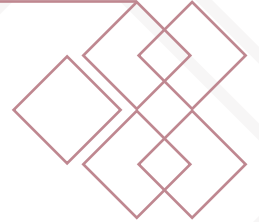
**William E. Ridgway** is co-head of Skadden's global cyber security and data privacy practice and a member of the litigation group. He is a former federal prosecutor with extensive trial and investigations experience who advises companies on their most sensitive cyber security, data privacy and white-collar matters.

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**Q&A WITH WILLIAM RIDGWAY****What standout moments in your career have significantly shaped your professional journey?**

◆ Early in my career I had the opportunity to serve as a federal prosecutor where I led the cyber crime group and oversaw the investigation and prosecution of some of the most sophisticated cyber criminals around the globe. That allowed me to develop expertise in cyber security and data privacy, and I now draw on that expertise at Skadden where I co-head the cyber security and data privacy practice. Standout moments for me at Skadden include helping clients respond to high-profile global cyber attacks.

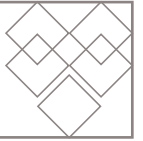
**How do you stay ahead in your field? Are there any emerging trends or innovations you are particularly excited about in your area of expertise?**

◆ Our global cyber security and data privacy practice prioritises staying updated on regulatory trends and technological advancements and we routinely engage with the key regulators around the globe. That allows us to help clients navigate the rapidly evolving cyber security, privacy and technology landscapes. One trend we are increasingly focused on is helping companies deal with the emerging security, privacy and compliance challenges posed by the development and use of cutting-edge artificial intelligence (AI) technologies and automation.

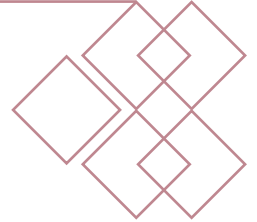


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### **What are your predictions for the future of your legal specialty? How do you see your vocation evolving over the next few years?**



◆ The future of cyber security and data privacy law will likely be shaped by increasing regulatory scrutiny and the rapid evolution of technology. Key developments on the horizon include the implementation of more stringent data protection laws globally, a focus on advanced technologies like AI, and an uptick in cyber security and data privacy regulatory enforcement. Over the next few years, I see my role evolving to include more strategic advisory services, and global regulatory defence in multijurisdictional tech-related investigations. ■

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## REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Advising Flagstar Bank in a ransomware attack and in the resulting consumer class action, which led to the dismissal of 15 of 16 claims brought in the class action.
- ◆ Advising a Fortune 50 company in responding to a global ransomware attack that disrupted its operations and defending the company in resulting regulatory investigations from US and EU authorities.
- ◆ Advising TransUnion and Banco Popular de Puerto Rico in cyber attacks and in successfully securing the dismissal of all claims in resulting data breach class actions.
- ◆ Advising American Medical Collection Agency in navigating an international data breach involving the exposure of protected health information for millions of individuals.
- ◆ Representing Google in an amicus brief in the high-profile case *Dada v. NSO Group Technologies* to support raising the legal consequences for spyware vendors, protecting users online – and shoring up US national security.

