Andrew Schwartz

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Andrew Schwartz is a Partner in Choate's Litigation and Investigations group. He handles complex commercial, financial, and securities disputes in federal and state courts across the country. Andrew represents public and private companies, institutional investors, investment and venture capital funds, financial institutions, real estate organizations, and directors and officers in class actions, antitrust matters, securities fraud actions, and other high-stakes litigation. He also regularly handles matters outside of court, including confidential arbitrations, pre-suit disputes, and privately negotiated resolutions.

Focus Areas

Litigation and Investigations

- Business and Financial Litigation

Recognition

- *The Legal 500* (2026)
- 'Future Star' by *Benchmark Litigation*
- *Benchmark Litigation* 40 & Under List (2023-2025)
- *Lawdragon* 500 X The Next Generation List
- *Super Lawyers* Rising Star
- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*

Representative Engagements

- Represented Teva Pharmaceuticals and certain directors and officers in one of the largest securities class actions in recent history and related direct actions.
- Represented founders and former shareholders of a private cosmetics company in defending claims of fraud and breach of a share purchase agreement.
- Represented a large co-op and members of its board of directors in securing dismissal of breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty claims.
- Represented a venture capital fund in successfully resolving contract and specific performance claims arising from a convertible note investment.
- Represented investment vehicles associated with Carl Icahn in a derivative shareholder action in Delaware Chancery Court concerning a multibillion-dollar acquisition.
- Represented an ad hoc group of bondholders, including several of the world's largest asset managers, in a civil fraud action against the underwriter and bond counsel arising from the $280 million municipal bond financing of a sports complex and bankruptcy.
- Represented a publicly traded real estate lender, its acquisition subsidiary, and its external manager in defending successor-liability and tortious interference claims.

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- Represented a large private power producer in a representations and warranties insurance dispute arising from its $500 million purchase of two power plants, alleging the seller concealed a competing-project easement and substantial undisclosed maintenance and equipment defects.
- Represented the former Chief Financial Officer of a public company in a putative securities class action.
- Represented a cannabis fintech company in litigation involving allegations of fraud and breach of contract.
- Represented institutional investors in securities fraud litigation arising from Valeant Pharmaceuticals' alleged improper accounting practices.
- Represented a hedge fund in pursuing claims against former officers, directors, and sponsors of Adeptus Health arising from its multibillion-dollar bankruptcy.
- Represented Godiva Chocolatier in putative nationwide class actions alleging false advertising and violations of consumer protection laws.
- Represented Jewish and Israeli students in Title VI litigation against leading universities alleging discrimination and harassment.
- Represented an Israeli company in resolving insurance-related claims through international arbitration.
- Represented an individual in a defamation action resulting in dismissal under California's anti-SLAPP statute.
- Represented a publicly traded electric vehicle manufacturer in market manipulation litigation against trading firms alleged to have artificially depressed its share price through high-frequency algorithmic trading.

Publications and Presentations

- "Material Adverse Effect or Market Reality? Tariffs Test Deal Termination Rights," co-author, *Corporate Compliance Insights* (2025)
- "What Grayscale's Victory in Bitcoin Case Means for Crypto Market," co-author, *Bloomberg Law* (2023)

Education & Credentials

- Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, JD (2013) *cum laude*
- Pennsylvania State University, BS (2010)

Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey

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