



Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency

Digital currency is poised to revolutionize the way companies and people conduct business. But the development of new products and services is outpacing the regulatory and enforcement landscape, creating challenges for those looking to tap into this dynamic and complex new market sector. We can help.

The lawyers on our Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency Team have worked with a variety of existing and emerging cryptocurrencies. We can help clients launch initial coin offerings, develop and implement new products, navigate the complicated maze of government regulation and enforcement, and protect both the data and the consumers who use it.

The team brings together lawyers who focus on legal areas critical to virtual currency providers, such as securities regulation and enforcement, white collar defense and investigations, anti-money laundering, tax, intellectual property, and antitrust. Together, they provide a comprehensive legal resource to digital currency market participants.

In the area of product development, our intellectual property lawyers work nationally and globally to identify, secure, and protect our clients' innovations. We provide a full range of intellectual property services, from patent procurement and licensing to branding services to the protection of trademark and copyright portfolios and the enforcement of intellectual property rights. Our nationally recognized Consumer Financial Services Group assists clients in the development of new financial services products, the acquisition of issuers and product portfolios, and in the negotiation and drafting of commercial and consumer agreements.

Our litigation team, particularly our white collar attorneys, have decades of experience dealing with state and federal regulators, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the IRS, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission, and state regulators nationwide. Our team also is fully versed in Anti-Money Laundering and Bank Secrecy Act requirements as they relate to virtual currency. And should concerns be raised by the Department of Justice, we have successfully handled issues involving alleged misconduct across the country.

Privacy and data security is crucial for those who transact in this sector. Our data security lawyers can advise virtual currency participants on the development of information risk management programs, vendor assessment and management, security disclosures, employee training, and cyber-incident planning and response. We also are investigators and advocates with deep experience in cyber-related internal and governmental investigations, regulatory compliance and enforcement matters, cyber-related crisis management, and both civil and criminal litigation.

Our experience includes:

- Securities issues, including initial coin offerings
- Privacy and data security
- Regulatory compliance counseling
- Federal and state investigations and enforcement
- Intellectual property, including patent and trademark registration and infringement litigation
- Consumer financial services, including mobile wallets
- Internal investigations
- Licensing
- Antitrust and consumer protection
- Tax
- Real estate

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