

# Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Technology

The rapid rise of cryptocurrencies, and the anticipated widespread use of blockchain and distributed ledger technologies, has the potential to significantly impact companies and governments, with many experts comparing the disruptive effects to the advent of the internet. While this proliferation will generate tremendous opportunities, as with many game-changing technologies, it also presents legal and regulatory challenges.

Cozen O'Connor's interdisciplinary Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Technology Industry Group draws from the firm's more than 925 attorneys to help guide businesses through the rapidly evolving legal, regulatory, and legislative environment. This team of lawyers and policy professionals represents clients on blockchain matters across various industries, and we regularly appear before government agencies central to virtual currency and blockchain issues, including:

- Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)
- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- Department of Justice, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)
- U.S. Congress

In addition to advising clients on regulatory matters, and advocating for them on policy issues, Cozen O'Connor defends clients in civil litigation brought under securities laws and regulations, and protects clients in governmental investigations and enforcement actions initiated by the SEC, the CFTC, and the Department of Justice (DOJ). Cozen O'Connor also advises clients on antitrust matters before the DOJ and the Federal Trade Commission.

Our team also handles both the transactional and data privacy issues attendant to cryptocurrency and blockchain. Whether you need advice from the ground up as a blockchain startup, are seeking to acquire blockchain assets, or anything in between, our team of corporate attorneys stands ready to help you navigate this unique environment. And because data privacy and security is paramount in this arena, Cozen O'Connor's Technology, Privacy & Data Security attorneys play a key role on our industry team. These attorneys regularly work with blockchain clients to identify points of vulnerability and minimize risk.

With offices in Washington, D.C., New York, and London, Cozen O'Connor has a presence at the epicenters of finance, technology, and government. We are in a prime position to advise and advocate on behalf of clients' virtual currency and blockchain regulatory and enforcement matters. Additionally, Cozen O'Connor's industry leading State Attorneys General practice advises and represents clients at the state level, which is particularly important given the proliferation of state-level regulations of virtual currency and blockchain businesses.

## Service Areas

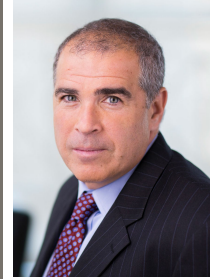
- Federal, state, and international regulatory matters
- Legislation
- Securities enforcement
- White collar litigation
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