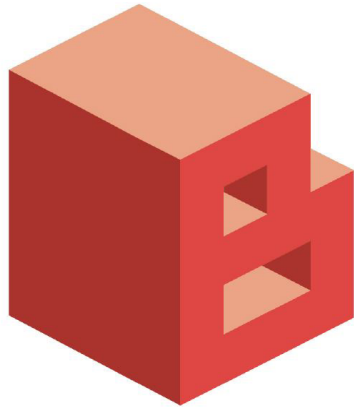




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Monday, October 3, 2022

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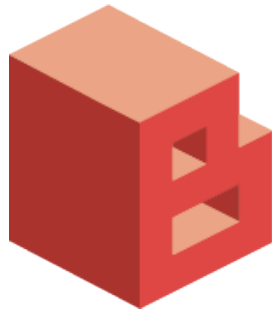
morning session

1:15 - 6:05 p.m.

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2022 Fordham Law Blockchain Regulatory Symposium

Panel No. 1: Digital Asset Regulatory Landscape (50 Minutes)

The digital asset regulatory landscape has evolved slowly, and many players are still awaiting regulatory certainty. This session will focus on the key issues facing the industry and if we are moving in the right direction to create greater legal certainty. The panel will highlight issues that will be addressed throughout the day.

CLE Materials:

1. The *Howey* Test Continues to Control: [SEC v. Howey \(Supreme Court 1946\)](#).
 - a. [Reves v. Ernst & Young \(1990\)](#)
2. SEC Framework: [Framework for “Investment Contract” Analysis of Digital Assets](#)
 - a. [SEC DAO Report \(July 2017\)](#)
 - b. [Chair Gensler on Kennedy and Crypto \(Sept. 2022\)](#)
 - c. Enforcement Action: [SEC Charges Former Coinbase Manager, Two Others in Crypto Asset Insider Trading Action](#)
3. CFTC: [Testimony of Chair Benham re: DCCPA \(Sept. 15, 2022\)](#)
 - a. Enforcement Action: [CFTC Ooki Complaint, Order, and Dissent](#)
4. White House: [2022 Executive Order on Ensuring Responsible Development of Digital Assets](#).
 - a. Fact Sheet: [Comprehensive Framework for Responsible Development of Digital Assets](#)
 - b. Skadden Insights: [The Office of Science and Technology Policy Issues a Report on the Environmental Impact of Cryptoassets](#)
 - c. CoinDesk: [Here’s What’s in the White House’s Crypto Reports.](#)

5. DLx Law LLP: [Memorandum on Lummis-Gillibrand Responsible Financial Innovation Act](#)

Panel No. 2: Twisting the Base Layer: The Regulatory Impacts of Block and Consensus Formation (50 Minutes)

In August, OFAC placed a smart contract mixer on the SDN list, and in September Ethereum moved to proof of stake. These events have made Q3 one of the most impactful in focusing attention on how blocks are ordered, and consensus formed. This panel will look at the role of "Base Layer Participants" and some of the important issues that arise in the regulatory treatment of block and consensus formation.

CLE Materials:

1. [OFAC Sanctions Virtual Currency Mixer Tornado Cash](#)
 - a. [SDN List Update](#)
 - b. [Tornado Cash Sanctions - FAQ](#)
 - c. DeFi Education Fund: [Treasury Designates Tornado Cash](#)
 - d. Coin Center: [What is and What is Not a Sanctionable Entity](#)
2. Rodrigo Seira: [Base Layer Neutrality](#)
3. BIS: [Miners as Intermediaries: Extractable Value and Market Manipulation](#)
4. FinCEN: [2013 Guidance](#)
5. FinCEN: [Administrative Ruling on Bitcoin Mining \(2014\)](#)
6. FinCEN: [2019 Guidance](#)

Panel No. 3: The Waltz Between the Industry and Government (50 Minutes)

The industry is crying foul because it views recent agency activity as regulation by enforcement. What is the proper way to define rules and legislation in a democratic society? How have industry and regulators addressed the question of notice, feedback, and the importance of having a system that has both rules and the opportunity for innovation?

CLE Materials:

1. SEC Commissioner Peirce: [Lawless in Austin](#)
2. CFTC Commissioner Pham: [SEC v. Wahi Statement](#)
3. Senator Toomey: [Letter to SEC](#)
4. Skadden: [Cryptocurrency Insider Trading Case Could Have Broader Ramifications](#)
5. Chapman & Chamber of Digital Commerce: [Why Won't the SEC Approve a Bitcoin ETF?](#)
6. [CFTC Charges Ooki DAO for Offering Illegal, Off-Exchange Digital-Asset Trading, Registration Violations, and Failing to Comply with Bank Secrecy Act](#)
 - a. [Dissenting Statement of Commissioner Mersinger](#)

Panel No. 4: The Future of Exchanges and Institutional Involvement in Digital Assets (50 Minutes)

What types of exchanges and platforms exist in the current landscape? What does a web3 platform look like? In this panel, we will discuss topics including omnibus accounts, bankruptcy, custody, insurance, lending, and AML. We will also examine how institutions (TradeFi and Web3) participate in CeFi and DeFi ecosystems.

CLE Materials:

1. OCC: [OCC Announces Review of Prior Crypto Guidance](#)
2. White House: [2022 Executive Order](#)
 - a. [2022 Post-Report Fact Sheet](#)
3. NYS DFS: [Stablecoin Guidance](#)
4. NYS DFS: [Analytics Guidance](#)
5. TRM Labs: [How DeFi Uses TRM APIs](#)
6. DLx Law LLP: [Memorandum on Lummis-Gillibrand Responsible Financial Innovation Act](#)
7. Senate Agriculture: [Fact Sheet Overview of Stabenow-Boozman](#)

8. The Block: [Coinbase-Backed Suit against Treasury Set to Become Landmark Blockchain Case](#)

Panel No. 5: Bankruptcy, Commercial and Consumer Protection Laws Find Their Spotlight (50 Minutes)

International AML, securities, and derivatives law have dominated the analysis on crypto law; however, bankruptcy law has always been in the background, and the introduction of the ULC UCC update should be top of mind for all legal practitioners. In addition, consumer protections are likely to play a role where securities and commodities laws are unclear.

CLE Materials:

1. Adam Levitin: [Not Your Keys, Not Your Coins: Unpriced Credit Risk in Cryptocurrency](#)
2. Bloomberg Law: [If a Crypto Exchange Goes Bankrupt, What Happens?](#)
3. Shearman & Sterling: [Cryptoassets & Insolvency](#)
4. Fordham JCFL: [Crypto-Assets Under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code](#)

Panel No. 6: Of Alphabet Soup and Interagency Cooperation (50 minutes)

This panel seeks to provide a behind the scenes look at how regulatory agencies are striving for harmonization. Present and past regulators and policymakers will examine how agencies work together, with a moderators view of representing the industry before federal and state actors.

Materials:

1. CFTC Commissioner Pham: [SEC v. Wahi Statement](#)
2. White House: [2022 Executive Order](#)
 - a. [2022 Post-Report Fact Sheet](#)
3. Dep't of Commerce: [Responsible Advancement of U.S. Competitiveness in Digital Assets](#)
4. Treasury: [Crypto-Assets: Implications for Consumers, Investors, and Businesses](#)
5. Treasury: [RFC Ensuring Responsible Development of Digital Assets](#)

Panel No. 7: DAOs and Sufficient Decentralization (50 Minutes)

At the crux of blockchain technology is the promise for the removal of trusted third parties and centralized administrators for Layer 1 protocols and the applications facilitated by them. While this can be manifested in code, the code of law is slower to adapt. This panel will look at DAOs as a potential new organizational, capital raising, governance and even corporate form. It will also consider the importance of decentralization to regulatory assessment, and the difficulty in ascertaining what sufficient decentralization looks like.

CLE Materials:

1. David Kerr & Miles Jennings: [A Legal Framework for DAOs](#)
2. Louis Lehot & Patrick Daugherty: [DeFi and the DAO: How the Law Needs to Change to Accommodate Decentralized Autonomous Organizations](#)
3. Gabriel Shapiro (@Lex_node): [Defining Real and Fake DAOs](#)
4. ARCA: [An Institutional Guide to Decentralized Governance](#)
5. Chris Brummer & Rodrigo Seira: [Legal Wrappers and DAOs](#)
6. Louis Lehot & Patrick Daugherty: [Defi World has a New Star Called DAO](#)
7. DLx Law LLP: [Memorandum on Lummis-Gillibrand Responsible Financial Innovation Act](#)
8. Marc Boiron: [Sufficient Decentralization - A Playbook for Web3 Builders and Lawyers](#)
9. Jason Schwartz: [Squaring the Circle - Smart Contracts and DAOs as Tax Entities](#)
10. Angela Walch: [Deconstructing 'Decentralization': Exploring the Core Claim of Crypto Systems](#)
11. Wachtel: [Fundamental Legal Considerations for DAOs](#)

Panel No. 8: NFTs: Licensing, Royalties, and Regulatory Novelty (50 minutes)

NFTs aren't just 8-bit JPEGs. They are a medium that can be deployed in a variety of ways and for many different commercial and contractual reasons. This panel will examine the emergent

topics in developing web3 licenses, applying NFT tech to music and other rights, and the potential regulatory implications.

CLE Materials:

1. Laura Shin & Stuart Levi: [Unchained Podcast Episode #340](#)
2. Miles Jennings & Chris Dixon: [The Can't Be Evil NFT Licenses](#)
3. Skadden: [Skadden on NFTs](#)

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Speaker Bios

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David M. Adlerstein is counsel in the Corporate Department at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, capital-raising transactions, corporate governance, and other corporate and securities law matters, with a focus on financial institutions and technology transactions.

Olta Andoni

Deputy General Counsel, Ava Labs

Olta Andoni is a well known IP and Fintech Attorney and the Deputy General Counsel at Ava Labs, the company that helps launch decentralized finance applications on Avalanche. She was previously the Chief Legal Officer at Nifty's, has lectured for Chicago-Kent, College of Law and is a big advocate for the industry.

Allison Behuniak

U.S. House Committee on Financial Services Professional Staff Member

Allison works on the Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship and Capital Markets and the Task Force on Financial Technology. In these roles, she also serves as the policy lead on issues related to digital assets. Prior to joining the House Financial Services Committee, Allison served as Financial Services Legislative Assistant for Congressman Trey Hollingsworth and as Legislative Assistant for former Congressman Bruce Poliquin, handling a wide range of policy issues.

Marc Boiron

Chief Legal Officer, Polygon Companies

Mr. Boiron is Chief Legal Officer at the Polygon Companies. Previously, he was the Chief Legal Officer at dYdX Trading Inc. Before dYdX, Mr. Boiron was a Partner in the Financial Services group of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP. His practice focused on the blockchain and digital assets industry, with particular attention to decentralized finance. He also advised venture funds making investments in blockchain companies and cryptoassets.

Lucas Bruder

CEO, Jito Labs

Lucas Bruder is the co-founder and CEO of Jito Labs. Jito Labs is building high performance infrastructure to help scale the Solana blockchain, minimize the negative effects of MEV on users, and maximize

validator and staker rewards.

Jake Chervinsky

Head of Policy, Blockchain Association

Jake Chervinsky is Head of Policy for the Blockchain Association — the unified voice of the crypto industry, representing the most prominent companies and projects in the space. Jake is an industry veteran, joining BA from Compound Labs, the developer of a leading DeFi protocol, where he served as General Counsel. Jake earned his B.A. from the George Washington University, and his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.

Sara Coelho

Shearman & Sterling, Partner

Her FR&I practice focuses on restructuring and debtor-creditor rights. She represents debtors, creditors and creditor groups, acquirers, equity owners and other investors in a wide range of insolvency matters, including risk mitigation and planning, acquisitions of distressed or reorganized companies, liability management transactions, chapter 11 and out-of-court restructurings, cross-border insolvencies, resolution planning, and other matters.

Lewis Cohen

Co-Founder, DLx Law

Co-founder of DLx Law, a law firm created to serve the needs of a new, technology-driven economy. Lewis brings more than 20 years of experience as a traditional capital markets and finance partner at two Global Top 50 law firms. Lewis is a frequent public speaker on the topic of blockchain and distributed ledger technology. Lewis is also recognized by Chambers Global as one of only three lawyers in "Band 1" for Legal: Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies – USA.

Samson Enzer

Member of Crypto Enforcement and Blockchain Group, Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP

Described as "one of the leading cryptocurrency enforcement practitioners to come out of government service in recent years" by The National Law Journal, Samson "Sam" Enzer defends companies and individuals in high-stakes criminal and regulatory enforcement matters, internal corporate investigations, and complex civil litigation, often in cases involving the finance and cryptocurrency industries. Sam previously served for eight years as a federal prosecutor in the Southern District of New York, where

he established a sole practice in 2008. He was previously an associate at an Athens-based law firm. During the same period, he was also the editor-in-chief of the *Revue hellénique de droit international*.

Coy Garrison

Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP

Coy Garrison is a partner in Steptoe & Johnson's Blockchain & Cryptocurrency and Financial Services practices. He counsels clients on how to navigate the challenging legal, regulatory, and policy issues relating to crypto. Prior to private practice, Garrison spent nearly nine years at the SEC, including serving as counsel to Commissioner Hester M. Peirce.

Jason Gottlieb

Partner, Morrison Cohen LLP

Jason is a Partner in the Firm's Business Litigation Department, and Chair of the White Collar and Regulatory Enforcement practice group. His practice focuses on regulatory enforcement, litigation, and arbitration relating to securities, cryptocurrency, commodities, futures and derivatives, and structured finance. Jason is the principal author of the MoCo Cryptocurrency Litigation Tracker.

Matthieu Gueissaz

Managing Partner, LynxDAO

Matthieu is a Swiss lawyer by trade and entrepreneur at heart. Since entering the space in 2015, Matthieu has acted as General Counsel for Swiss VC BV Ventures and the digital world SPACE Metaverse. He has co-founded Blockchain Lawyer's Forum, the leading industry lawyers network, LynxDAO, a consortium of B2B service providers in DLT and Skyline Digital, a non-custodial crypto neobank. He is crazy about DAOs and has helped a multitude of projects design out their tokenized incentive systems.

Joe Hall

Partner, Davis Polk & Wardwell

Joe is a member of Davis Polk's Capital Markets team and head of its interdisciplinary ESG practice. Joe has advised on digital asset matters since 2014. His clients include companies native to the space such as Grayscale and Galaxy Digital, as well as companies embarking on crypto projects and transactions such as Meta Platforms. Joe spent two years at the SEC, ultimately as Managing Executive for Policy under Chairman William H. Donaldson.

Brandon Hammer

Counsel, Cleary Gottlieb

Brandon M. Hammer's practice focuses on a broad range of creditors' rights, netting, financial regulatory, bankruptcy, digital asset, and market infrastructure issues. His clients include financial institutions, fintech firms, clearinghouses, sovereigns, and end users. He is frequently counsel to leading financial market trade associations and ad hoc coalitions on major industry initiatives and industry-standard opinions.

Scott Hartman

U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Chief, Securities and Commodities Fraud Taskforce

Scott Hartman is the Chief of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Prior to assuming that position, Mr. Hartman investigated and prosecuted a wide array of significant securities fraud cases, including the criminal investigation that resulted in the conviction of Congressman Christopher Collins for insider trading. In 2020 he was the recipient of the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service.

Andrew Hinkes

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Adjunct Professor, NYU Law, NYU Stern School of Business

Andrew Hinkes is co-chair of K&L Gates' Global Digital Assets, Blockchain Technology & Cryptocurrencies practice. Drew is also an Adjunct Professor at the NYU Stern School of Business & NYU Law, where he co-teaches "Digital Currency, Blockchains, and the Future of the Financial Services Industry." Since 2019, Drew has been active in law reform efforts related to digital assets, serving as an advisor on new Article 12 of the UCC and the Unidroit Private Law Principles for Digital Assets.

Miles Jennings

General Counsel & Head of Decentralization, a16z crypto

Miles Jennings is General Counsel and Head of Decentralization of a16z Crypto, where he advises executives and portfolio companies on decentralization, DAOs, governance, NFTs and state and federal securities laws. Previously, Miles was a partner at Latham & Watkins, where he co-chaired the firm's global blockchain and cryptocurrency task force, and represented the largest venture capital firms and dozens of high-profile startups operating in the sector.

Joyce Lai

Founder, Charisma Social Inc.

Joyce Lai is Founder of Charisma Social, a social platform that leverages transparent algorithms and open data to help you discover what you like based on who you are. She is a winner and finalist of the EthGlobal NFT Hack 2022. She is also a Founding Member of Ready Player DAO, a play and earn gaming guild. Previously, she was an attorney at ConsenSys, a member of New York Angels and a hedge fund attorney in private practice. Joyce is a thought leader in blockchain regulations and policy and is a Co-Founder of the Fordham Law Blockchain Regulatory Symposium. Stuart Levi Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Stuart Levi is co-head of the firm's Web3 and Digital Asset Practice and co-head of the firm's Intellectual Property and Technology department. Stuart has been active in the Web3 space since 2015.

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Alison Levine

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Alison R. Levine is an Assistant Regional Director in the Division of Enforcement's New York Regional Office of the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission. Prior to becoming an Assistant Regional Director, Ms. Levine was an enforcement attorney in the Crypto Assets & Cyber Unit, where she investigated and litigated actions covering a wide range of crypto-related violations of the securities laws, including the Commission's litigation against Telegram Group Inc. Prior to joining the SEC, Ms. Levine was a litigation associate at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP. She earned her J.D. from Cornell Law School and B.A. from Cornell University.

Gregory Lisa

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Greg Lisa is the Chief Legal Officer of Element Finance, a DeFi cryptocurrency company. Greg was previously a Partner (and remains senior counsel) at Hogan Lovells. Prior to joining Element and Hogan, Greg served for almost twenty years in the federal government: as the Interim Director of Compliance & Enforcement at FinCEN;

as one of the first Enforcement Attorneys at the CFPB; and for over decade at the U.S. Department of Justice, mostly as a federal organized crime prosecutor.

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Cofounder & Chief Legal Officer, Lightspark

Jai Massari is cofounder and Chief Legal Officer of LightSpark. Lightspark is building core infrastructure supporting the Lightning Network. In her last role she was a partner in the Financial Institutions Group of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP. She holds a JD from Duke University School of Law, a BA in Chemistry from Cornell University and is a visiting lecturer at Berkeley Law School, University of California.

Ryne Miller

General Counsel, FTX US

Ryne is the General Counsel of FTX US. He was previously a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell and also previously worked for the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission as counsel to then Chairman Gary Gensler. Ryne is from Oklahoma.

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Jennifer D. Morton is a partner in the global Financial Institutions Advisory & Financial Regulatory group and leads the firm's broker-dealer regulatory practice. Jennifer represents global investment banking firms, private banks and wealth management organizations, electronic trading platforms, alternative trading systems, investment advisers, hedge funds, private equity firms, U.S. and non-U.S. broker-dealers and banks on matters involving the regulation of broker-dealers and securities markets. Jennifer advises clients on a wide range of corporate and regulatory compliance matters, including in connection with mergers and acquisitions and cross-border transactions, restructuring and business expansion matters, and trading and markets issues. She also has extensive experience representing US and non-US corporate and investment banking clients in public offerings and private placements, and assisting clients on internal investigations and enforcement matters. Prior to joining the Financial Institutions Advisory & Financial Regulatory Group, Jennifer was a member of the firm's Capital Markets Group, where she represented issuers and financial institutions in connection with securities offerings, including shelf registrations and take-downs of equity and investment grade debt, Rule 144A/Reg. S high yield debt offerings, tender offers and consent solicitations. Jennifer also advises financial services firms and

fintech startups on securities and broker-dealer regulatory matters relating to digital assets and blockchain technology. In this regard, Jennifer is an active member of the firm's FinTech Foundry, a program designed to support the FinTech-related activities of our clients and provide thought leadership, mentorship and advice to the wider FinTech ecosystem. Jennifer is a member of the American Bar Association, Business Law Section's Committee on Federal Regulation of Securities, Subcommittee on FINRA Corporate Financing Rules, Subcommittee on Trading and Markets, Committee on State Regulation of Securities, and Subcommittee on State Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers.

Patrick Murck

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Nick is a corporate lawyer focused on venture backed startups and companies in the blockchain space. He currently leads legal at Royal, a music NFT startup developing a protocol for creatives and fans. He previously worked at Cooley LLP, DLA Piper LLP and Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

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Mark Radcliffe has practiced in Silicon Valley assisting corporations in their intellectual property licensing (in particular open source) and financing matters (he has worked on over 1000 venture financings). He is a Co-Chair of the Blockchain and Digital Assets practice. He has worked on a wide range of token offerings, NFTs and other web3 projects: assisting companies in structuring token offerings, representing investors in financings, including Libra and Telegram, and many NFT issuances.

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General Counsel, TRM Labs

Sujit Raman is General Counsel at TRM Labs, Inc., the leading blockchain analytics firm, where he is responsible for the company's legal work around the globe and manages an experienced legal team. Before joining TRM, Sujit was a partner at the international law firm Sidley Austin LLP, where he focused his practice on complex cross-border investigations and cyber/data issues, and the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served in various roles, including U.S. Associate Deputy Attorney General.

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Donna Redel, Adjunct Professor at Fordham Law School, created and teaches courses on blockchain, digital assets and DeFi. She is an advisor/investor focusing on financial technology, blockchain and emerging technologies, an angel investor and a philanthropist. She was the managing director of The World Economic Forum, and was the first woman to chair a USA exchange, The Commodity Exchange.

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Rebecca Rettig is the General Counsel of the Aave Companies, a group of software development companies that build blockchain-based software for the web3 world, handling both legal matters as well as policy matters across the globe relating to decentralized finance ("DeFi") and cryptoassets. Prior to joining the Aave Companies, Rebecca was a partner at US laws firms, serving blockchain, crypto and DeFi clients.

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Professor Carla Reyes is an internationally recognized leader on issues raised by the intersection of business law and technology. Professor Reyes currently serves as the Chair of the Texas Work Group on Blockchain Matters, the Research Director for the Uniform Law Commission's Technology Committee, an Associate Research Director for the Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code and as an Expert for two UNIDROIT work groups considering private law and emerging technology.

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Rodrigo Seira is Crypto Counsel at Paradigm. Prior to joining Paradigm, he was outside counsel to crypto investors and entrepreneurs at Cooley LLP. Prior to that, Rodrigo was a founding member of DLX Law, a blockchain and crypto focused boutique. Rodrigo earned a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science from Middlebury College.

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Jason Somensatto serves as an adviser to Chairman Rostin Behnam on the CFTC's oversight of the digital asset market. He

joined the CFTC in February 2021 and previously served as the Acting Director of LabCFTC. Before joining the CFTC, Mr. Somensatto was the senior counsel for a startup developing exchange infrastructure for the digital asset market. Since 2014, he has published several articles and spoken publicly on the intersection of financial regulation and distributed ledger technology.

Graham Steele

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Graham Steele serves as the Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He is an expert on financial regulation and financial institutions, with more than a decade of experience working at the highest levels of law and policy in Washington, D.C. Graham was previously the director of the Corporations and Society Initiative at Stanford Graduate School of Business, a research initiative that examines issues at the intersection of markets, business, and government to promote more accountable capitalism and governance. Prior to joining Stanford GSB, Graham was a member of the staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. From 2015 to 2017, Graham was the Minority Chief Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs. From 2010 to 2015 he was a Legislative Assistant for United States Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), handling the Senator's work as a member of the Senate Banking Committee. During that time, he also spent four years as the staff director of the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions & Consumer Protection. Prior to joining Senator Brown's staff, Graham was a policy counsel at Public Citizen's Congress Watch in Washington, D.C. Graham received his bachelors degree in political science from the University of Rochester and his law degree from The George Washington University Law School. He is originally from Brookline, Massachusetts, and is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar.

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Adam is the General Counsel at Tessera, a platform for collective ownership and governance of NFTs. Prior to this role, Adam was a startup/VC attorney in private practice and served as Associate Counsel to NJ Governor Phil Murphy. Adam serves on the NJ Commission on Science, Innovation, and Technology. He has been in the crypto space for nearly a decade with a primary focus on NFTs over the past couple years.

Annemarie Tierney

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Annemarie Tierney is the Founder and Principal of Liquid Advisors, a consulting firm offering strategic advisory services around primary and secondary liquidity structuring, including for digital assets and private crypto investment funds. Annemarie is a seasoned financial services executive with substantial legal, regulatory and strategy experience, particularly around broker dealer regulation and blockchain legal and regulatory issues.

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Stephen Wink is a partner in the New York office of Latham & Watkins, and is Co-Chair of the firm's Global Digital Assets & Web3 Practice. Mr. Wink is ranked in Band 1 by Chambers' Professional Advisers FinTech. He advises a wide range of market players across the blockchain, crypto and web3 space, including exchanges and trading platforms, DeFi protocols, DAOs, NFT projects and platforms, token issuers, investment banks and asset managers.

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