

Blockchain and DLT

Blockchain, the software technology that enables the creation and operation of a shared, decentralized database, is changing the way companies, investors, and financial services companies do business.

Blockchain technology will potentially revolutionize supply chains, agreements, contracts, currencies, and more. It may continue to evolve unpredictably, but it seems that elements or derivations of this technology will be part of business and our everyday lives for the foreseeable future.

Our global practice helps clients take advantage of blockchain technology's huge potential and disruptive impact, while avoiding falling foul of ever-developing regulatory and legal requirements. We work with a wide range of clients as they explore disintermediation, digital currencies, token sales, and new uses for blockchain. Our extensive experience helps clients find solutions in a complex and ever-changing regulatory landscape.

Representative experience

Advising a client on strategic blockchain, cryptocurrency, and IP matters, including the development of a blockchain solution for tracking IP/Patent assets.

Representation of a blockchain infrastructure client in connection with blockchain, cryptocurrency, and tax advice regarding non-profit initial coin offering.

Representation of CertiK, a verification platform for blockchain

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Trending Topics

Blockchain Toolkit

The Hogan Lovells Engage Blockchain Toolkit is a one stop shop for you to investigate the different ways blockchain can be used and where the new technology is shaking up industries.

Areas of focus

FinTech

ecosystems smart contracts, in connection with its smart contract verification business.

Advising numerous clients in connection with token sales and the regulatory treatment of digital tokens.

Advising a leading retail bank on a payments-focused blockchain project.

Advising a global online payment services provider on the development of new products, business models, and use of digital currencies in the UK and Europe.

Advising R3 CEV in connection with a project deploy smart contract code in connection with high-value financing transactions.

Assisting a bitcoin exchange platform in Germany in respect of authorisation under the second Markets in Financial Instruments Directive.

Advising the International Blockchain Real Estate Association on a pilot program using Bitcoin and blockchain for transferring and tracking real property title and other public records.

Advising the corporate venture arm of a leading retail bank on an investment in a blockchain intelligence company.

Awards and rankings

- TMT Firm of the Year, *The Legal 500 UK Awards*, 2018
- Band 2 for FinTech, *Chambers Global*, 2019
- Band 1 for Financial Services: Payments Law, *Chambers UK*
- Tier 1 for FinTech, *The Legal 500 UK*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

Hogan Lovells Publications

IRS renews focus on cryptocurrency-related offenses

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How blockchain might change the whole fashion industry – and safeguard the authenticity of your goods

Related practices

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UK FCA rings alarm bells as £27 million lost to crypto and forex investment scams

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Watch out: UK FCA sets out priorities for year ahead, including crypto and FinTech