

Blockchain 2018 – Capital Markets and Beyond

Ontario Bar Association



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With Blockchain slowly, but surely, revolutionizing commerce, banking, service, technology, and information industries, lawyers practicing in these and other fields should know how to advise new and existing clients on harnessing change. Get the necessary insight to assess the key moving parts in Blockchain evolution in 2018 and beyond, and how they will impact your practice. Whether you are already practicing in this space or looking to jump in, join our expert faculty to enhance your understanding of this game-changing area of law before your competitors do.

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Blockchain Litigation In and Beyond Capital Markets**
Chetan Phull, Smartblock Law, P.C.

- Cryptocurrency as the subject of dispute in and beyond capital markets
- Case law developments: Cryptocurrency valuation and digital currency remedies
- Judicial approaches to digital asset valuation: moving forward

9:35 am **Blockchain 2018 Part 1: Initial Coin Offerings**

Michael Partridge, Goodmans LLP

Evan Thomas, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

- Understanding the growth and evolution of ICOs in 2017-2018
- Application of securities laws to cryptocurrency offerings
- Regulatory enforcement action and private securities litigation over ICOs

10:20 am Networking Break

10:35 am **Blockchain 2018 Part 2: Cryptocurrency Exchanges**

Amber Scott, Outlier Solutions Inc.

Ross McKee, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

- Federal draft regulation update for dealers in virtual currencies
- Interim business responses
- Rethinking current marketplace regulation for trading on blockchain

11:15 am **Blockchain 2018 Part 3: Blockchain Business**

Considerations

Naim-Alexandre Antaki, Gowling WLG

Aaron Grinhaus, Grinhaus Law Firm

- Blockchain and cryptocurrency: making the connection
- Tax treatment of crypto businesses and assets: cryptocurrencies, mining operations, and ICO structuring.

11:45 am Questions and Concluding Remarks

12:00 pm Program Concludes

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