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Digital Assets and Blockchain

Our multidisciplinary team of experts can advise you on the legal impacts of blockchain technology and other digital assets.



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Distributed ledger technologies including blockchain and other digital assets are reshaping the global business landscape and the potential of crypto assets is being felt across many sectors, ranging from financial services, capital markets, real estate, intellectual property, corporate transactions and much more.

Investor interest in digital assets has also risen dramatically as Bitcoin, Ethereum and other cryptocurrencies have emerged as an alternative asset class delivering extraordinary returns over the last decade. Recent developments, such as increased institutional participation, approval of the first publicly traded ETFs by Canadian securities regulators, and the popularity of stablecoins and non-fungible tokens (NFTs) signals continued positive momentum for the sector.

While opportunities in this space are limitless, the risks are complex and constantly changing, even for well-established “cryptonatives”. Participants must navigate complex and evolving rules and regulations in Canada, which can be particularly challenging as the fast-paced nature of the digital asset landscape is outpacing the corresponding regulatory frameworks.

Having experienced legal counsel with a finger on the pulse of the digital asset ecosystem is crucial to navigating this evolving space.

Osler’s Digital Assets and Blockchain team advises early-stage and established digital asset clients, including trading and lending platforms, investment managers, software developers and institutional investors in the Canadian digital asset markets.

The regulatory treatment of crypto assets is also evolving, and we leverage our extensive network of industry experts, participation in industry associations and positive working relationships with governmental authorities to advocate for you and guide you on how to create, trade, hold and manage crypto assets in a manner that aligns with applicable law and current regulatory interpretations. We also advise on enforcement actions that can result from regulatory uncertainty. In the event that disputes arise, Osler’s leading litigation team has expertise in digital asset issues to assist clients in resolving contentious matters.

Our multidisciplinary team of experts is well-equipped to answer your questions surrounding the legal impacts of this technology and other digital assets. In particular, Osler advises

market participants on:

- Cryptocurrency trading and investing
- Regulation of virtual currency dealers and crypto asset trading platforms
- Tokenized business models
- Cryptocurrency derivatives and related financial instruments
- Deployment of blockchain technology
- Enforcement investigations and proceedings and litigation

The depth of our advice and service draws on a multidisciplinary approach across Osler teams. Clients can access our extensive experience in [FinTech](#), [Emerging & High Growth Companies](#), [Securities Regulatory](#), [Financial Services Regulatory](#), [Commercial/Technology](#), [Litigation](#), [Tax](#) and [Privacy](#).

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