

Agenda

A Bit About Technology: The Tools That Make Blockchain and Its Applications Tick

N. Rosario

- What is new here? Networks: centralized, peer to peer
Ledgers: centralized, distributed
Cryptography: hashing, digital signatures
Applications
- Blockchain - Cryptocurrency - Smart contracts
- Decentralized autonomous organizations

The Past, The Present, and The Future of Smart Contracts

Z. Smolinski

- What is a smart contract? A brief overview of electronic agreements
The intersection of blockchain technology and smart contracts
The promise of smart contracts versus the current reality
Improvements to creating and using smart contracts that may be coming

Blockchain and Real Estate

R. Schwarz

- Why real estate is the perfect industry for blockchain innovation
Smart contracts and real estate
Records, transactions and REITs
Innovations in real estate – what's happening today

Minimizing the Litigation Risk for Companies

J. Steffen

Deploying Blockchain Solutions or Acquiring Crypto Assets

- Compliance programs and collaboration with regulators
Disclosure of crypto-investments and the attendant risks
Litigation exposure for blockchain, crypto, and the crypto-adjacent
Antitrust, data security, and other legal concerns
After the storm: do I have insurance to cover this?

Investing in Blockchain: Forensic Accounting for Crypto Assets

J. Pope

- The myth of anonymity and blockchain as an immutable public ledger
Data breach and cyber-fraud misunderstandings – the role of internal controls
Overview of relevant cases
Asset tracing investigations – traditional assets versus digital assets on a blockchain
Blockchain investigation and analysis tools
Anti-money laundering (AML) regulations – how and why are they relevant for crypto assets
Innovations in crypto assets and constantly evolving technologies

Applications of Blockchain Tech in Financial Services

P. Daugherty

- Investment characteristics of crypto assets
Proper legal characterization of crypto assets
SEC procedures and views
Securities tokens

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Review the basics of blockchain technology, and discuss cryptocurrencies and other blockchain applications.

Talk about the myth of anonymity and the use of blockchain as an immutable public ledger.

Study forensic accounting and asset tracing of digital assets on a blockchain.

Explore electronic agreements and smart contract technology.

Understand the use of blockchain in real estate transactions.

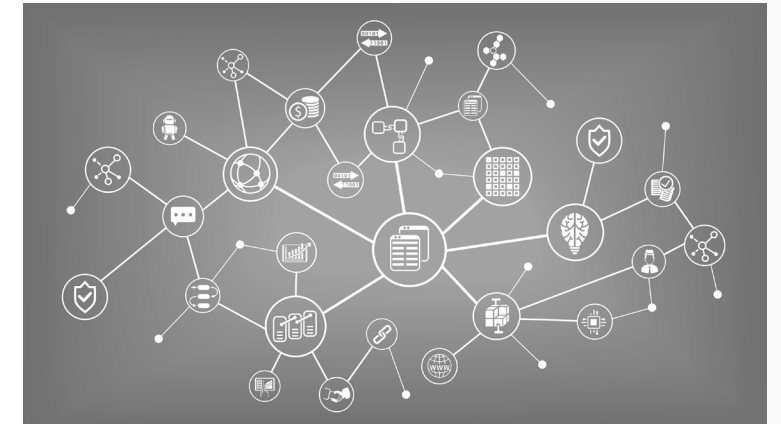
Discuss blockchain innovation in relation to the real estate industry.

Examine the applicability of anti-money laundering regulations.



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Review the basics of blockchain technology and applications, including cryptocurrencies

Discuss blockchain innovation in the real estate industry

Explore electronic agreements and smart contract technology

Study forensic accounting and tracing of digital assets on a blockchain

Understand regulations and litigation risk issues in relation to crypto assets and blockchain

Consider blockchain applications in financial services

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