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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Law

Cryptocurrency & Blockchain

Securities & Capital Markets

I use my experience in a responsive, meaningful way to help clients navigate the complex regulatory process.

Matthew is a business lawyer with a focus on securities law who acts for a variety of businesses and entrepreneurs, mainly in the cryptocurrency and private lending industries. He has been advising companies in the cryptocurrency space since the summer of 2013, making him one of the first Canadian lawyers to act for cryptocurrency companies in Canada.

Matthew was an integral part of McLeod Law's efforts to accept bitcoin as payment for legal services in the fall of 2013, making McLeod Law the first full service law firm in Canada to accept bitcoin. His clients in the cryptocurrency and blockchain space include cryptocurrency exchange platforms, cryptocurrency wallet developers, issuers of digital currency (including stablecoins and NFTs), cryptocurrency miners and cryptocurrency investment funds.

Matthew acts for both Canadian and international clients in countries ranging from the UK, Israel and China and has also assisted in drafting clauses pertaining to cryptocurrency in wills, powers of attorney and post-nuptial agreements. He is regularly called to give his opinion to

the media on issues relating to cryptocurrency and Canadian law, and has been quoted in the Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, Bloomberg, Winnipeg Free Press, The Logic and Vice Media and has also been interviewed on CBC radio and CBC television.

Matthew sits on a variety of advisory boards of his clients and is currently an advisor to the Alberta Securities Commission's New Economy Advisory Committee. His commercial practice encompasses:

- private market financings
- mergers and acquisitions
- secured and unsecured lending transactions
- stock exchange listings
- regulatory compliance, including anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist finance legislation
- securities and general regulatory compliance issues facing the cryptocurrency industry
- shareholder agreements
- unique contract drafting
- mutual fund trusts matters

Matthew provides business law advice to other industries as well, most notably private lenders, including mortgage investment corporations (MICs), syndicated mortgage entities, and mutual fund trusts.

Education

2004 University of Manitoba, LLB

Admissions

2006 Alberta

2005 Manitoba

Experience

- Represents Blockchain Venture Capital Inc., the first stablecoin issuer in Canada to partner with a subsidiary of a schedule 1 Canadian financial institution
- Represented some of Canada's initial cryptocurrency exchanges
- Represents one of Canada's first non-fungible token (NFT) platforms
- Represents the issuer of Canada's first digital currency created for the casino industry
- Acted as vendor's counsel in the sale of an Alberta based EOS block producer to a San Francisco based purchaser
- Represents a global visual media company headquartered in the US, which is a supplier of stock images, editorial photography, video and music for business and consumers
- Represents Alberta's largest mortgage investment entity, a mortgage investment fund with over \$150,000,000 in assets under management

Recognition

RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

- Quoted in "[OSC's crypto crackdown tough to enforce but still worth it, securities expert says](#)" The Toronto Star, June 15, 2021
- Quoted in "[OSC could face challenges in its crackdown on unregistered cryptocurrency exchanges based overseas, say experts](#)" The Globe & Mail, June 11, 2021
- Quoted in "[Ontario regulator clamps down on cryptocurrency exchanges amid bitcoin craze](#)" The Toronto Star, May 26, 2021
- Quoted in "[OSC to start enforcing new rules for unregistered crypto trading platforms](#)" The Globe & Mail, May 26, 2021
- Quoted in "[Bitcoin? Why Nott? Winnipeg car dealer sells vehicle for cryptocurrency for first time](#)" Winnipeg Free Press, April 3, 2021
- Quoted in "[Regulators unveil new guidance for cryptocurrency traders in Canada](#)" The Globe & Mail, March 29, 2021
- Quoted in "[Canadian securities regulators announce crackdown on unregistered cryptocurrency-trading platforms](#)" The Logic, March 29, 2021
- Quoted in "[Canadian investors at risk as number of unregulated cryptocurrency exchanges explodes](#)" The Logic, March 22, 2021
- Quoted in "[Right place, right time Digital professional matchmaking service is virtually designed for social distancing](#)" Winnipeg Free Press, January 14, 2021

- Quoted in "[BVCI launches new Canadian stablecoin--CADT--with support from Concentra Trust](#)" Bloomberg, July 31, 2020
- Quoted in "[Cryptocurrency Estate Planning 2021 Study](#)" Cremation Institute, July 7, 2020
- Quoted in "[Calgary firm accepting cryptocurrency for legal services](#)," Canadian Lawyer Magazine, October 2, 2018
- Quoted in "[Canada's Digital Currency Future](#)," The Canadian Bar Association, CBA PracticeLink, February 26, 2018
- Quoted in "The ABC's of Bitcoin and Cryptocurrencies Explained", CEO.ca on the intricacies of bitcoin and the issues to deal in virtual currencies delving into mining farms and the utility of virtual currency for transactions, July 2017
- Quoted in "[Why Chile's First Bitcoin Exchange was Funded by the Government: Chile is giving Bitcoin a warm welcome](#)," Motherboard, April 2015
- Quoted in "[Cryptocurrency!](#)" Canadian Lawyer, June 2, 2014
- Quoted in "[Bitcoin future in Canada](#)," Cointelegraph, November 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- "Cryptocurrency and death: Where's your key?", Concentra Insights, August 2020
- "[Investor Tips for Reading an Offering Memorandum](#)," *Private Capital Markets*, Winter 2016-2017

Memberships

- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association
- Alberta Securities Commission
 - New Economy Advisory Committee
- Canada Blockchain Consortium
 - Board of Directors, 2020-Present
 - Head of Legal Committee, 2019-2020
- Private Capital Markets Association of Canada
 - Private Lending committee
- TAGLaw [Blockchain & Cryptocurrency specialty group](#)
 - Co-Chair
- [Open Banking Initiative Canada](#)
 - Working Group

Community

- Canadian Blockchain Consortium
 - Director and Chair of legal committee
- Calgary Crime Stoppers Association
 - Former President and Director
- Oxford House Foundation of Canada
 - Former board member

- Bishop O'Byrne Housing for Seniors Association
Former board member

Teaching Roles & Speaking Engagements

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

SPEAKER

2021 CMSBA CANADA SPRING TRAINING SESSION

The Canadian Money Services Business Association, June 2021

MODERATOR

DECONSTRUCTING IIROC/CSA STAFF NOTICE 21-329: WHO IS AFFECTED? WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS?

Canadian Blockchain Consortium webinar, May 2021

PRESENTER

CRYPTO & TAXATION 101

Spring 2021 TAG Alliances Virtual International Conference: TAG Tax, May 2021

SPEAKER

NEW FATF DRAFT GUIDELINES AND THE POTENTIAL THREAT FACING THE DE-FI, NFT AND STABLECOIN INDUSTRIES

Canadian Blockchain Consortium webinar, April 2021

SPEAKER

TECHNOLOGY LAW CAREER PANEL

University of Calgary Technology Law Association webinar, March 2021

SPEAKER

SANCTIONS - DISCOVER HOW THE LONG ARM OF US LAW CAN HAVE DEVASTATING IMPACT

Canada Blockchain Consortium webinar, February 2021

SPEAKER

THE FUTURE OF MONEY: CANADIAN DIGITAL CURRENCY LAW 2020

Vexxit Business webinar, December 2020

MODERATOR

TRUST IN TRANSACTIONS: SECURITY & DIGITAL CURRENCY EXCHANGES

Alberta Technology Symposium, April 2020

SPEAKER

TRUST IN TRANSACTIONS: SECURITY & DIGITAL CURRENCY EXCHANGES

Alberta Technology Symposium, April 2020

MODERATOR

TRUST IN TOKENS: REGULATING BLOCKCHAIN SECURITIES

Alberta Blockchain Summit, September 2019

SPEAKER

FINANCING BLOCKCHAIN INNOVATION;
THE FUTURE OF BLOCKCHAIN REGULATION IN CANADA

Bitcoin Rodeo Conference, March 2019

SPEAKER

STATE OF CRYPTO LAW 2018

Blockchain & Crypto Business Convention, October 2018
