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- Marco Santori, Partner, Cooley LLP
- Erik Syvertsen, General Counsel, AngelList
- Peter Todd, Bitcoin Core Developer, Applied Cryptography Consultant

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Blockchains, Smart Contracts and the Law

The rapid development and implementation of blockchains has already begun to disrupt and revolutionize the financial system, among other industries. While blockchain developers have been busy creating cryptocurrencies, smart contracts and enhancing transparency, the law is only beginning to catch up in its consideration of the proper treatment of these issues.

Topics Include:

- Will smart contracts require changes in contract law, or are existing doctrines flexible enough to accommodate this innovation?
- How do ICOs fit into our legal rubric for securities offerings?
- Perspective from the Ontario Securities Commission: what is the current approach and treatment of ICOs?
- What are the leading cases in civil, regulatory and criminal litigation involving blockchain technology?
- What would a blockchain-based settlement system look like and what legal barriers may exist that could impede adoption and effective implementation?
- What is the application of current legislation and regulatory regime (including, without limitation, consumer protection laws, Excise Tax Act, anti-money laundering and know your client obligations, taxation and other laws of interest) to blockchain-based businesses?

This is a unique opportunity to get informed about what’s going on, who’s involved and the emerging opportunities and challenges in this rapidly evolving area.

Who Should Attend?

- Technology lawyers
- Banking and Financial Services lawyers
- Securities lawyers
- Government lawyers
- General Counsel and In-House Counsel
- Anti-Money Laundering professionals
- Federal and Provincial Regulators
- Banking and Financial Services Professionals/Executives
- Technology Entrepreneurs
- Management consultants and technology consultants
- Business Owners
- Blockchain experts

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1:30 p.m.  Opportunities for Blockchain in the Settlement System

Anne Butler, VP, Payments Canada
Scott Hendry, Senior Director, Financial Technology, Bank of Canada
Peter Todd, Bitcoin Core Developer, Applied Cryptography Consultant

These speakers review the current clearing and settlement system in place in Canada and examine the potential for effectively adopting and implementing blockchain-based settlement systems.

Topics of discussion include:
- The payments market and how it developed
- Overview of current clearing and settlement system and a brief description of the Large Value Transfer System (LVTS)
- If the system were being designed from scratch today, using what we know about blockchain systems, how would it be designed?
- What legal barriers exist to adopting and effectively implementing blockchain-based settlement systems?

2:45 p.m.  Refreshment Break

3:00 p.m.  Analyzing the Nature of Blockchain Transactions and Differences in Business Models

Addison Cameron-Huff, Chief Legal Officer, Decentral Inc.
Andrew Caplan, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
Parna Sabet-Stephenson, Partner, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP
Erik Syvertsen, General Counsel, AngelList
Alan Wunsche, Chief Token Officer & CEO, TokenFunder - Chair, Blockchain Canada

Initial Coin Offerings are an innovative new area of the law and there remains significant uncertainty and risk to companies proposing ICOs. This panel reviews the current legal treatment of ICOs focusing on processes which could assist to optimize the legal framework.

Topics of discussion include:
- What is an ICO? What is a security?
- How do ICOs fit into our legal rubric for securities offerings?
- Perspective from the Ontario Securities Commission: what is the current approach and treatment of this area of interest?
- How can blockchain innovators raise funds without ICOs, within the existing legal framework for raising funds?

4:00 p.m.  Blockchain Litigation and Regulatory Challenges

Usman Sheikh, Partner, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP

With the growth of blockchain technology, the courts and regulators have had to grapple with unique legal issues that arise due to the nature of the technology. This session considers cases of first of instance dealt with by civil courts, regulatory bodies and the criminal courts.

Topics of discussion include:
- Leading cases in civil, regulatory and criminal litigation involving blockchain technology
- Regulatory reform initiatives and guidance from regulators
- Trends involving blockchain litigation, including evidentiary issues and issues of jurisdiction

4:55 p.m.  Conclusion of the Program

Donald B. Johnston, Partner, Aird & Berlis LLP

5:00 p.m.  Program Ends
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