

## Blockchain Legal Update Tracker USA (National/Federal)

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• <a href="#">FSB report on work addressing cryptoasset risks</a>	5/31/2019
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• <a href="#">NYDFS Rejects Application of Digital Asset Exchange Bittrex, Inc. for Virtual Currency License</a>	4/15/2019
• <a href="#">BCBS Statement on Cryptoassets</a>	3/13/2019
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• <a href="#">CFTC Requests Public Comment on Ether and Ethereum Network</a>	12/13/2018
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• <a href="#">SEC Takes First-Ever Cryptocurrency Enforcement Action Against Digital Asset Fund Manager</a>	9/13/2018
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• <a href="#">State Regulators Launch Sweep of ICOs and Cryptocurrencies</a>	5/23/2018
• <a href="#">Wyoming Amends Certain State Laws to Exempt Virtual Currency and Digital Tokens</a>	3/22/2018
• <a href="#">Federal Judge Rules Virtual Currency Is a Commodity Subject to CFTC Oversight</a>	3/13/2018
• <a href="#">SEC's Divisions of Enforcement and Trading and Markets Issue Statement on Cryptocurrency Exchanges</a>	3/8/2018
• <a href="#">CFTC Issues Virtual Currency Warning</a>	2/22/2018
• <a href="#">NYDFS Issues Guidance to Help Prevent Fraud and Manipulation in Virtual Currency Markets</a>	2/15/2018
• <a href="#">SEC and CFTC Express Concerns About Virtual Currency Regulation in Testimony Before Senate Banking Committee</a>	2/8/2018
• <a href="#">CFTC Announces Heightened Review of Bitcoin Futures Products</a>	1/25/2018
• <a href="#">NFA Issues Reporting Requirements for CPOs and CTAs that Trade Virtual Currency Products</a>	1/11/2018
• <a href="#">SEC and CFTC Issue Statements on Cryptocurrencies and Initial Coin Offerings</a>	12/29/2017
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• <a href="#">CFTC Announces Bitcoin Derivatives Self-Certification Process and New Bitcoin Contracts on Three Futures Exchanges</a>	12/5/2017
• <a href="#">LabCFTC Issues Primer on CFTC Regulation of Virtual Currencies</a>	10/26/2017
• <a href="#">SEC to Review Decision Denying Bitcoin ETF Listing</a>	4/27/2017
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• <a href="#">SEC Publishes Framework for "Investment Contract" Analysis of Digital Assets</a>	4/4/2019

• <a href="#">SEC Seeks Input on Impact of Digital Assets and Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) on Compliance with Custody Rules for Investment Advisers</a>	3/20/2019
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• <a href="#">LabCFTC Issues Primer on Smart Contracts</a>	12/3/2018
• <a href="#">CFTC Commissioner Quintenz Notes Potential Liability of Smart Contract Programmers</a>	10/29/2018
• <a href="#">ISDA® and KWM Publish Whitepaper Proposing Framework for Constructing Smart Derivatives Contracts</a>	10/11/2018
• <a href="#">ISDA® Releases Initial Digital Representation of Common Domain Model™ (CDM)</a>	6/5/2018
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• <a href="#">Paper Discusses Application of Blockchain Smart Contract Technology to ISDA® Documentation</a>	8/3/2017
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• <a href="#">Firms Complete Successful Blockchain Equity Swap Smart Contract</a>	11/3/2016
• <a href="#">CFTC Commissioner Giancarlo Discusses Implications of Blockchain for Financial Services</a>	4/27/2016
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