



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

INTRODUCTION TO CRYPTOCURRENCY – BITCON 101?

**July 15, 2019
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
124 Halsey Street
6th Floor, Morris Room
Newark, New Jersey**

NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive the course materials prior to the date of the course. The materials will be contained in an email attachment.

Program Summary

This course will offer a primer on cryptocurrencies and digital assets. Attendees will learn about the basics of “Blockchain” – the business buzzword of the hour, and foundation stone for the development of cryptocurrencies – and receive a tour of the digital currency landscape. The presenters will discuss the difference between a cryptocurrency and a security token, as well as Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs) and coin exchanges, sample a smattering of the thousands of cryptocurrencies in the marketplace and highlight the potential risks of investing or speculating in cryptocurrencies – including the substantial risk of hacking-related theft. The course will also highlight current regulatory perspectives on cryptocurrencies at the federal and state levels and attempt to predict where the digital currency world could be heading in the future while exploring regulatory challenges in the digital currency arena. The presenters will also provide guidance on how to recognize the prototypical elements of an on-line cryptocurrency scam.

Who Should Attend?

This presentation is open to all government attorneys, space allowing.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Evan A. Showell is the Assistant Chief of the Securities Fraud Prosecution Section of the Division of Law. He represents the Bureau of Securities in regulatory and securities fraud investigations and enforcement litigation. He is also head of the Securities Fraud Prosecution Section's Cryptocurrency Unit. DAG Showell previously worked for the Government and Healthcare Fraud Section of the Division of Law, which he joined after a lengthy career in private practice working on complex commercial, securities law and environmental matters at national, regional and New Jersey-based law firms. DAG Showell is an honors graduate of the College of The University of Chicago where he was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the New York University School of Law.

DAG Benjamin R. Zakarin is a member of the Division of Law's Securities Fraud Prosecution Section, where he represents the Bureau of Securities in a range of regulatory and securities fraud investigations and related enforcement litigation in both State Superior Court and the Office of Administrative Law. He also advises the Bureau in drafting and proposing new regulations. DAG Zakarin was a primary drafter of New Jersey's intrastate "crowdfunding" rules and the architect of the Bureau's recently-proposed "Fiduciary Duty" regulations for financial professionals. He also serves as a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Securities Law Special Committee. DAG Zakarin earned his J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law, where he was a member of the Editorial Staff for the Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law. He graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, majoring in history and political science.

H. Onno Chekemian is an attorney in the Securities Fraud Prosecution Section of the Division of Law, which counsels and represents State agencies in securities-related investigations, civil prosecution, and regulatory enforcement. He is a member of the section's Cryptocurrency team. Onno has also handled regulatory matters involving anti-money laundering violations, supervisory deficiencies, due diligence failures of online firms, and registration obligations of merchant cash-advance businesses. Onno is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US), and a Certified E-Discovery Specialist (CEDS). He received his Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, where he served on the boards of the Rutgers Business Law Review and the International Law Society. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

CLE Credit

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PA CLE Credit: 1.0 Substantive Credit (\$1.50 mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

All attorneys registered for the session originally scheduled for July 11, 2019 are automatically registered for the July 15th program.