



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Cryptocurrency and the Blockchain: Strategies for Fighting Back Against Crypto Crime

**June 23, 2022
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will cover the basics of what a cryptocurrency is, including common terms such as blockchain, bitcoin, mining, wallets and exchanges. The presenters will then discuss common cryptocurrency schemes that criminals and other bad actors use to defraud individuals and investors. They will provide strategies to assist state and federal regulators and criminal authorities in combatting crypto crime, including investigative techniques and lessons from recent criminal and civil cases.

Eligibility

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety and county prosecutors' offices. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

Faculty

Christopher Gerold, Esq. is a partner at Lowenstein Sandler, where he counsels national broker-dealers, investment advisers, coin-based exchanges, and emerging fintech companies on compliance with state and federal securities laws and self-regulatory organization rules. He also defends investigations and enforcement actions by state securities regulators, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Prior to joining Lowenstein, Mr. Gerold was Chief of the New Jersey Bureau of Securities, where he became a national authority on securities regulation and crypto-related enforcement matters. Under his leadership, BOS filed some of the earliest crypto-enforcement actions and remained at the forefront of the crypto and decentralized finance space. Mr. Gerold's additional experience in private practice includes serving as counsel in the Financial Services Regulatory and

Litigation Group of a leading New Jersey law firm, where he conducted internal investigations on sales practices, misappropriation, unapproved sales literature, unapproved third-party research, unsuitable trading, and insider trading. He began his legal career in the Securities Fraud Prosecution Section of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, where he was a lead trial attorney in securities fraud enforcement actions in state and administrative courts. Mr. Gerold holds a J.D from Seton Hall University Law School and a B.S. in Finance from Villanova University.

Joseph Rotunda, Esq. is the Director of the Enforcement Division of the Texas State Securities Board, where he manages a team of over thirty attorneys, examiners and other personnel dedicated to investigating illegal securities offerings, uncovering admissible evidence, securing key testimony, and analyzing complex financial records. His team is comprised of experts in state and federal laws regulating securities offerings, and it uses its collective expertise to pursue law enforcement actions to stop Ponzi schemes and other fraudulent investment scams. Their work often ensures the successful prosecution of white-collar criminals and orders for the payment of restitution to victims. Prior to joining the Texas State Securities Board, Mr. Rotunda was an assistant district attorney in Travis County, Texas. He holds a J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law and an undergraduate degree in Political Science, Pre-Law and American Government from Trinity University.

CLE Credit

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Registration

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email. Students who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

Students must download Zoom before the webinar in order for the AGAI to record polling responses that are required for attendance verification and CLE credit.

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