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Overview

Matthew Kohen focuses his practice on the representation of technology companies in emerging industries such as fintech, telecommunications, and cybersecurity. He regularly advises companies on issues related to capital formation, regulatory compliance, and general corporate matters.

Matthew also serves as co-leader of the firm's Blockchain and Digital Currency Practice, and counsels companies in this space on how to structure their blockchain businesses and products into existing regulatory regimes.

All Insights

- 07.24.2019 [2019 State Blockchain, Crypto, and Virtual Currency Legislation Tracker](#)
- 07.11.2019 [Cryptocurrency Regulatory Complexities Multiply](#)
- 07.03.2019 [How State Remote Sales and Use Tax Statutes May Impact Crypto Assets](#)
- 04.19.2019 [State Regulations on Virtual Currency and Blockchain Technologies](#)
- 09.26.2017 [The SEC Addresses Initial Coin Offerings](#)
- 08.29.2017 [Invasion of the Smart Contract Hackers](#)
- 08.23.2017 [Blockchain Technology: Inevitable Disruption or Inflated Hype?](#)
- 08.01.2017 [Podcast: What is so important about blockchain?](#)

All News

07.03.2019	Carlton Fields Attorneys Author Article Series in Bloomberg Law on State Sales and Use Tax Statutes
06.13.2019	Carlton Fields' Matthew E. Kohen Quoted in Coverage of Bitcoin Creator Dispute
05.09.2019	FinCEN Issues New Guidance for Cryptocurrency Industry
05.08.2019	Carlton Fields Blockchain Attorney Quoted in Article about Bitcoin Creator
03.27.2019	Carlton Fields Adds Renowned Virtual Currency Lawyer Andrew Hinkes
03.22.2019	Carlton Fields Hires Prominent Blockchain Attorney Andrew (Drew) Hinkes
02.05.2019	Carlton Fields Blockchain Attorneys Provide Commentary on Court Ruling Affecting Bitcoin Regulation
07.09.2018	Super Lawyers Honors 81 Carlton Fields Attorneys on 2018 Florida "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"
03.01.2018	State Regulations on Virtual Currency and Blockchain Technologies
12.08.2017	Carlton Fields' Bitcoin/Blockchain Practice Featured in Of Counsel
08.29.2017	Blockchain: Invasion of the Smart Contract Hackers
08.23.2017	Blockchain Technology: Inevitable Disruption or Inflated Hype
06.23.2017	Florida Super Lawyers Ranks 92 Carlton Fields Attorneys as 2017 "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars* (2017-2019)
- Recognized as a Top Author for Cybersecurity in the First Annual Readers' Choice Awards, as compiled by *JD Supra* (March 2016)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- One Community One Goal

- Miami-Dade County's official economic development organization.
- Beacon Council
- Information Technology Committee
- InfraGard
 - Partnership between the FBI and the private sector dedicated to sharing information and intelligence to prevent hostile acts against businesses and academic institutions.
 - Communications, Financial Services & Information Technology Sectors
- Florida International Bankers Association (FIBA)
 - Innovation Committee

Speaking Engagements

- "Regulation Panel," North American Bitcoin Conference, Miami (January 2018).
- "Doing a TGE? Assemble your 'Dream Team,'" BlockCon, Santa Monica, CA (October 11, 2017).
- "The Law of Blockchain," Florida International University's StartUP FIU, Miami (September 29, 2017).
- "Early Stage Deal Structure, Preparing for Due Diligence, and NDAs," Healthbox Miami Studio, Miami (June 19, 2015).

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2014)
 - Senior Articles Editor, *University of Miami Law Review* (2013-2014)
 - Podhurst Orseck Scholarship (2013)
 - Outstanding Merit Scholarship (2013)
 - Dean's Fellow to Professor Stephen K. Halpert (2012-2013)
 - CALI Award for Legal Excellence in Legal Research and Writing (2012)
 - Greenstein Family Scholarship (2012)
 - Dean's Certificate of Academic Achievement in Torts and Contracts (2011)
- American University (B.A., 2011)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- Florida State Courts

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

Background

- Legal Intern, Division of Economic and Environmental Crimes, U.S. Attorney's Office, Miami (2013)
- Law Clerk, Jaffe Glenn Law Group, Miami (2012-2013)
- Intern, Government Relations, Wakefern Food Corp., Keasbey, NJ (2011)
- Intern, Office of Congressman Robert E. Andrews, Washington (2010-2011)
- Law Clerk, Cordier Law Offices, Rockville, MD (2010)
- Research, The Schwab Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Washington (2009-2010)

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Blockchain and Digital Currency
- Business Transactions
- Class Actions
- Consumer Finance
- Esports and Electronic Gaming
- Intellectual Property
- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Litigation
- Litigation and Trials
- Property & Casualty Insurance
- Real Property Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Banking, Commercial, and Consumer Finance
- Technology & Telecommunications