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Stradley Ronon's in-depth knowledge of and experience with securities, commodities, money transmission and virtual currency laws, as well as regulatory, compliance, tax, privacy, intellectual property and corporate laws, allow us to offer comprehensive services to our clients in the cryptocurrency and blockchain space.

Our cross-disciplinary cryptocurrency and blockchain practice includes attorneys with experience in all areas affecting digital assets. Our team includes former staff from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) as well as in-house counsel and counsel for exchanges.

We assist clients with capitalizing on opportunities presented by this emerging asset class and advise on the challenges of investing and establishing new investment products and services. Our crypto-savvy attorneys guide industry participants in managing risk and ensuring compliance with federal and state laws.

We provide sophisticated counsel across a range of digital assets, investment types and strategies, including cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, Ether and Litecoin; digital asset securities; decentralized finance (DeFi) protocols; stablecoins; non-fungible tokens (NFTs); security token offerings (STOs); compliant initial coin offerings (ICOs); crypto futures and other derivatives. Taking an integrated, multidisciplinary approach, we couple the resources of our nationally recognized investment management practice with a deep bench of Stradley Ronon attorneys in related practice areas to deliver seamless service to our clients.

We communicate regularly with our clients, providing proactive risk management

advice and the information needed to make business decisions. Our lawyers stay current on industry developments and changes in law and regulatory schemes, publishing and speaking on the impact of these developments on the industry. We invest in industry conferences and education programs so our team is up to date on legal trends and understands our clients' business.

Our Services

We guide our clients on a wide array of services in the cryptocurrency and blockchain space, including:

- Advising on the unique attributes of crypto hedge funds, crypto funds-of-funds, private blockchain investments, STOs and similar investments.
- Assisting with filings and interactions with the SEC, CFTC and other regulatory organizations in connection with various crypto businesses.
- Reviewing and analyzing crypto-specific offering memoranda, governance and organizational documents; subscription documents; and related materials for institutional investors.
- Reviewing blockchain technology applications and white papers, and providing related advice.
- Reviewing crypto fund marketing materials for compliance with securities regulations.
- Providing updates on crypto regulatory developments, including relevant laws and rules, releases, and statements promulgated by the SEC, CFTC and other regulatory authorities.
- Providing regulatory, compliance and tax assistance for crypto businesses and investments.
- Providing ongoing support and guidance on key regulatory matters facing crypto firms.
- Reviewing and revising compliance policies to incorporate requirements related to the operation of cryptocurrency strategies.
- Providing transactional advice related to direct crypto investments as well as blockchain and related investments.
- Providing creative and flexible structuring advice, including domicile selection, master-feeder arrangements and fund-of-funds arrangements, multiple series/fund structures, and stand-alone vehicles.
- Providing advice concerning the issuance of tokens and the implications of regulatory, securities, commodities and related tax laws.
- Assisting investment managers in navigating securities and commodities registration- and exemption-related considerations and filings.
- Providing securities and commodities litigation support.
- Representing clients in SEC Cyber Unit and other governmental and self-regulatory organizations' (SRO) investigations.

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