



Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrencies: Overview on its relationship with Illicit Activities

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About the topic

Blockchain technology has provided the foundation for the creation and development of digital currencies. Cryptocurrencies, like Bitcoin, are digital assets that work as a medium of exchange that use cryptography to secure their transactions. While these currencies provide alternative channel for people to settle their transactions, their safety and integrity have been questioned. Also, as there are no comprehensive regulations on cryptocurrencies, they are popular on the dark web, which enables criminals to conduct illegal transactions, including the sale of narcotics and money laundering activities.

In this seminar, the speaker will cover an overview of evolution of blockchain technology and cryptocurrencies, additionally, to discuss cryptocurrencies and their relationship to legal vs. illicit activities.

(Note: Please note that one of the original speakers, Mr. Jean-Louis van der Velde, Chief Executive Officer of Bitfinex, cannot join the event because of an unforeseen circumstance. Therefore, we have slightly amended the event's content.)

About the event

Date & Time 7 May 2018, Monday
1:00 – 2:00 pm

Venue HKICPA training centre
27th Floor, Wu Chung House
213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai

Fee HK\$150 per person for ForensIG members
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Language English

Competency Forensic accounting*

Rating Intermediate level*

**Application
deadline** 5p.m., 3 May 2018

Rundown

12:30 pm Registration (Sandwiches and drinks provided)
1:00 pm Introduction
1:05 pm Presentation
1:50 pm Q&A / Discussion
2:00 pm Closing

Speaker

Shannon M. Argetsinger
Director, Alvarez & Marsal Disputes and Investigations Limited

Chair

Guy Norman
Member, ForensIG Management Committee, and Partner, Forensic & Dispute Services, Deloitte & Touche Financial Advisory Services

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About the panellists

Shannon M. Argetsinger, Director, Alvarez & Marsal Disputes and Investigations Limited

Shannon Argetsinger is a Director and the Head of AML Services for Asia with Alvarez & Marsal's Disputes and Investigations team based in Hong Kong. He brings over 25 years of investigative experience while working for local and federal U.S. law enforcement agencies.

He acquired vast international investigative experience during his career with the U.S. Government and was posted at the U.S. Consulate General for Hong Kong and Macau between 2009 and 2016. While working in Hong Kong, he initiated, facilitated, and supported numerous complex investigations. Throughout his career, he worked on numerous investigation involving BSA/AML and CTF components. He also conducted/took part in numerous investigations involving OFAC and FinCEN listed entities. Moreover, he successfully planned, coordinated, and conducted numerous trainings attended by law enforcement officials on several topics, to include but not limited to, anti-money laundering and financial investigations.

While posted in Hong Kong and working for the U.S. Government, he served as an advisor to the U.S. Consul General for Hong Kong and Macau on counter-narcotics and money laundering matters, and conducted high level briefings for various U.S. Government team members as well as foreign government counterparts.

Registration

- Complete online registration [by 5p.m., 3 May 2018.](#)

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