

CBFL SEMINAR SERIES

BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY: KEY LEGAL AND REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

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5.00pm – 6.30pm (Registration starts at 4.30pm)

NUS Law (Bukit Timah Campus)

Block B Level 4, Seminar Room SR4-1

ABOUT THE EVENT

This seminar will consider key legal and regulatory developments in the area of blockchain technology. The talk will begin with a brief overview of the nature of blockchain technology, followed by practical applications that have been, or are in the process of being, operationalized around the world (in the area of capital markets, payments, real estate and others). This will be followed by a discussion of the regulatory response by several notable jurisdictions around the world and also the significant legal issues and challenges that are raised by this highly novel technology. The aim will be to give participants an overview of the workings of blockchain technology, how and why it is challenging fundamental legal concepts and regulatory frameworks, and also the status of the legal jurisprudence.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Banking lawyers, in-house bank counsel, policymakers

PROGRAMME

- 4.30pm : Registration
- 5.00pm : Welcome and Start of Seminar
- 6.00pm : Discussion (Q&A)
- 6.30pm : End of Event

REGISTRATION



Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6vuu2h6>

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Practice Area: Banking & Finance
Training Level: Foundation

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