

CBFL SEMINAR SERIES

LITIGATING CRYPTO EXCHANGES AND THE ENGLISH LAW COMMISSION'S REPORT ON DIGITAL ASSETS

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Nik Yeo is a barrister at Fountain Court Chambers in London. He was called to the English Bar in 2000 and has a commercial practice, with an emphasis on complex finance litigation and arbitration and technological disputes (including involving cryptocurrencies). Nik is ranked in Band 1 by Chambers and Partners for Cryptocurrency and has been nominated as Crypto Junior Counsel of the Year, 2023 by Legal500. He has litigated some of the world's most significant structured finance disputes, including acting for various Lehman Bros entities (Lehman Bros Inc, the New York broker dealer; and Lehman Bros (Europe) International, the London broker dealer), as well as being appointed by the UK Government to assist in the finalization of the GBP ½ trillion bail-out scheme for RBS and Lloyds' structured assets. He has lectured widely in the UK, Singapore and Australia, and before going to the Bar was a transactional solicitor at Slaughtier and May. He has taught law at Melbourne and Oxford Universities, from which he is a graduate.

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 4.00PM TO 5.15PM
Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Eu Tong Sen Building,
NUS Law (Bukit Timah Campus)

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Nik will discuss the role of crypto exchanges, in particular in light of the recent Law Commission of England and Wales' Digital Assets Final Report of June 2023. He will examine the question of what it means if crypto exchanges hold crypto for customers, and in particular whether possessory remedies should be available against such exchanges, and if not what equitable or contractual remedies are available. He has been involved in several of the cases which the Law Commission's report highlights in this area, as well as being instructed by the Bahamian Joint Provisional Liquidators of FTX Digital Markets Ltd (the only regulated entity in the FTX group). The seminar will also be relevant to those considering issues arising from the insolvency of crypto exchanges.

The seminar will be of interest to lawyers (both dispute and transactional, both in-house and external) who may be involved in litigating (or advising on the structuring of) crypto exchanges or who might be involved in the insolvency of crypto exchanges.

PROGRAMME

3.30pm - Registration
4.00pm - Start of Seminar
5.00pm - Moderated Q&A
5.15pm - End of Seminar

REGISTRATION

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/cbfl070923>
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Area: Banking and Finance
Training Level: General

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