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## SECOND ANNUAL BLOCKCHAIN CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON ENFORCEMENT



September 20, 2019

Cardozo Law's Samuel & Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance and The Blockchain Project co-hosted the Second Annual Blockchain and the Law Conference on September 16. The event featured three panels: a fireside chat, a panel on blockchain from an enforcement perspective, and a panel on the state of blockchain policy. Blockchain Project director Aaron Wright '05 moderated the fireside chat with William Hinman, Director of the Division of Corporation Finance at the SEC. The discussion pertained to the regulation of digital securities.

"We were honored that Bill Hinman, Director of the Division of Corporation Finance at the SEC, as well as panelists from key federal and state regulators, joined us for this event," said Jillian Gautier, co-director of the Heyman Center. "Lawyers, technologists and other market participants are eager for more guidance in the blockchain and FinTech space, and it was great to bring these regulators together to discuss how their respective agencies are addressing the application

of existing frameworks to new technology issues.”

John Castiglione, Senior Enforcement Counsel at Office of New York State Attorney General, Neel Chopra, Special Counsel to the Director of Enforcement at the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Justin Herring, Executive Deputy Superintendent for Cybersecurity Division at the New York State Department of Financial Services participated in a panel about blockchain enforcement moderated by alumnus Harold Gordon '88 and Stephen Obie, partners at Jones Day.

The final panel, on the state of blockchain policy, consisted of Kavita Jain, Director of Financial Innovation at Financial Industry Regulatory Authority; Christopher Leach, Attorney in the Division of Financial Services at the Federal Trade Commission; Thomas McGowan, Associate Director in the Division of Trading and Markets at the SEC; and Philip Raimondi, Special Counsel at the Office of Chief Counsel in the Division of Market Oversight at the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission. It was moderated by Laura Pruitt, Partner at Jones Day.

Read the [Forbes magazine article \(https://www.forbes.com/sites/andreatinianow/2019/09/16/director-hinman-holds-the-line-on-no-bright-lines/#5ea8d6a568fc\)](https://www.forbes.com/sites/andreatinianow/2019/09/16/director-hinman-holds-the-line-on-no-bright-lines/#5ea8d6a568fc) about the conference here.

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