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Perkins Coie Recognized for Its Preeminent Blockchain and Fintech Practice in Chambers 2024 FinTech Guide

SEATTLE and **NEW YORK** (**December 7, 2023**)—Perkins Coie is pleased to be again recognized as a preeminent fintech law firm in the <u>Chambers FinTech 2024 guide</u>. The firm received top-tier rankings in four out of the five categories, including Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies (Band 1), FinTech Legal (Band 2), Payments & Lending (Band 3), and Crypto-Asset Disputes (Band 3).

Partners <u>Joseph Cutler</u>, <u>Dax Hansen</u>, and <u>Lowell Ness</u> were again ranked as leading blockchain and cryptocurrency lawyers. Additionally, partners who practice securities litigation, including <u>Keith Miller</u> and <u>Jim Walker</u>, were instrumental in securing the group's crypto-asset disputes recognition for having represented clients in significant enforcement defense and litigation.

Client feedback on the group's capabilities highlighted in the *Chambers* ranking underlined that its technical expertise "is second to none" and that the group's "large number of highly skilled attorneys with diverse areas of expertise" provide a "deep understanding of the relevant legal issues" and that they "work collaboratively to navigate the complex legal landscape."

"Our fintech and blockchain bench is deep, and the breadth of our experience is wide. We are thankful for amazing clients who challenge us every day to help them change the world; and we are grateful to receive this broader recognition of our group's accomplishments from Chambers," said Joe Cutler, the chair of Perkins Coie's Fintech Industry Group, and a "Notable Practitioner" in the 2024 *Chambers* FinTech Legal guide. "Our full-service national team is fully invested in helping our clients deliver the dynamic fintech services of tomorrow and in providing effective regulatory, compliance, and product counsel."

<u>Dax Hansen</u>, founder of the Firm's Fintech Industry Group, is recognized for being a "pre-eminent figure in blockchain and cryptocurrency law" and "a tremendous partner . . . [who clients rely on] to enter more complex areas on the regulatory side."

<u>Joe Cutler</u>, chair of Perkins Coie's Fintech Industry Group, is described as "a go-to for practical advice in tough spots." Ranked since 2022, Joe is recognized for his "significant expertise" advising clients, including leading digital asset businesses, payment processors, and multi-national corporations, on complex regulatory matters.

<u>Lowell Ness</u>, firmwide lead for the fintech corporate, financing, and merger & acquisition team, is commended for his "fantastic understanding of the crypto market [and] . . . regulatory landscape." He is many clients' first call when they need to secure venture funding.

Additional client feedback on the group, highlighted its "ability to see the bigger picture and address every aspect of a query" while being able to "anticipate the problems we do not even think of, and offer solutions to address them." One client surveyed by *Chambers* noted that the group "always have an expert for the nuanced situations which is incredibly helpful when running a complex and sometimes ambiguous regulatory operation."

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