HIGHLIGHTS

- **A Legacy of Representing Innovators in Decentralized Finance**
  Wilson Sonsini has been at the forefront of providing innovative corporate, regulatory, technology transactions, and IP counseling to blockchain & cryptocurrency companies. We specialize in providing a full range of services tailored to companies operating in the blockchain industry.
  Select clients include Blockstack, Path, Strix Leviathan, Circle, Bitwise, Mastercard, and Roblox.

- **Nationally Recognized and Ranked Blockchain Practice**
  Our blockchain regulatory practice has been recognized in the Chambers Professional Advisors: FinTech Guide. Our blockchain regulatory team is housed in our Fintech and Financial Services practice group and includes former members of regulatory agencies, including those who have worked for the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Reserve.

- **Wilson Sonsini Led the First-Ever Offering of a Digital Asset in U.S. History**
  Wilson Sonsini advised Blockstack PBC in the first offering of a token to be either qualified or registered under U.S. federal securities laws for sale to the general public—a watershed moment for the blockchain technology in North America.

OVERVIEW

Novel industries require experienced and practical counsel to execute dynamic, cutting-edge, and high-velocity projects. From startups to established industry leaders, companies adopting blockchain technology continue to disrupt a diverse range of sectors, and Wilson Sonsini is at the forefront of providing guidance to them all.

Our blockchain and cryptocurrency law practice includes attorneys with sophisticated experience in a wide array of areas: financial regulation, data and technology protection, commercial transactions, financings, and intellectual property. We have consistently and proactively advised clients about potential landmines in the blockchain and cryptocurrency regulatory landscape, often before many in the industry were aware of them. We also have led many successful offerings and have advised clients on the development of emerging technologies and innovations related to decentralized finance, distributed ledger technology, smart contracts, and NFTs.

Additionally, we bring to our blockchain and cryptocurrency clients sophisticated tax, corporate structuring, patent and intellectual property, technology licensing, employee compensation, CFIUS, litigation, and other expertise that is critical to their businesses. This includes assistance with compliance related to digital currency, open source software, capital markets, litigation, anti-money laundering, smart contracts, and other specific legal challenges.

Our diverse clients include companies using blockchain technology in the energy, securities, fund formation, healthcare, computer, big data and cloud storage, data privacy, IoT, SaaS, identity verification, provenance, sports, art, and other industries. We also counsel venture firms, corporate investment arms, and others investing in blockchain and cryptocurrency companies as well as funds investing in blockchain companies and digital assets.

Financial Regulatory
Our fintech and financial services team has been at the cutting-edge of counselling blockchain companies for compliance with the federal securities, commodities, payments, and banking laws. We have been involved in significant firsts in the industry, including public offerings of digital assets and registration of investment advisers, broker-dealers, and alternative trading systems using blockchain technologies and digital assets. We have also provided compliance counselling to web3 and other gaming companies using digital assets in their platforms, issuers and trading platforms for non-fungible tokens (NFTs), and financial intermediaries using blockchain as a technological basis for transactions.

Technology Transactions

Our technology transactions team has deep experience advising companies on the novel legal, intellectual property, and commercial issues arising out of the use of blockchain technologies of all types, including cryptocurrency, smart contracts, NFTs and other digital assets. We have helped both start-up and public companies launch many of the world’s most prominent and widely-used blockchain-based platforms, marketplaces, products, and services, and we frequently draft and negotiate contracts related to blockchain and crypto-assets on behalf of companies that range from emerging companies to large banks. Our expertise in the intellectual property considerations that blockchain players need to consider is unparalleled and based on decades of addressing those issues with innovative companies.

Privacy and Cybersecurity Considerations

The use and sharing of data in the blockchain industry poses critical regulatory questions related to protecting the privacy of individual users and their transactions and the vulnerability of data to hacks and other cybersecurity events. Our team understands the details of blockchain technology and counsels clients based on that deep expertise.

Corporate Counselling

Wilson Sonsini works with companies from inception to IPO and beyond and is at the cutting edge of helping clients structure compliant offerings of tokens and equity, including through tools such as token warrants.