

Training course on Blockchain and Smart Contracts for Legal Practice

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Legal Institute	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles and architecture of **blockchain technology** and its legal relevance.
2. Understand the definition, types, and operational mechanics of **smart contracts**.
3. Evaluate the **legal enforceability of smart contracts** under existing and evolving contract law.
4. Navigate the diverse **regulatory frameworks** governing blockchain and crypto-assets globally.
5. Comprehend the implications of **data privacy (e.g., GDPR)** for blockchain's immutability.
6. Address **intellectual property (IP) issues** arising from blockchain and NFTs.
7. Analyze the legal challenges and opportunities in **tokenization of assets** and digital securities.
8. Understand **dispute resolution mechanisms** for smart contracts and blockchain-based transactions.
9. Explore the legal complexities of **Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs)**.
10. Identify ethical considerations and professional responsibilities in advising on **blockchain and smart contracts**.
11. Examine the tax implications of **crypto-assets** and blockchain transactions.
12. Formulate strategies for integrating **blockchain solutions** into legal practice and operations.
13. Position themselves as thought leaders in the **digital transformation of legal services**.

Target Audience

This course is designed for legal professionals seeking to specialize in or understand the legal implications of blockchain and smart contract technologies:

1. **Lawyers and Attorneys:** Practicing in corporate, commercial, intellectual property, litigation, or regulatory law.
2. **In-House Counsel:** Working for technology companies, financial institutions, or any organization exploring blockchain adoption.
3. **Legal Operations Professionals:** Seeking to understand how blockchain can streamline legal workflows.
4. **Compliance Officers:** Navigating new regulatory landscapes for digital assets and decentralized systems.
5. **Judges and Arbitrators:** Encountering cases involving blockchain or smart contracts.
6. **Government Regulators and Policy Makers:** Involved in developing legal frameworks for emerging technologies.
7. **Legal Academics and Researchers:** Focusing on the intersection of law and technology.
8. **Entrepreneurs and Founders of Legal Tech Startups:** Developing blockchain-based legal solutions.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Blockchain Technology

- Definition and core concepts of **Blockchain** (distributed ledger, immutability, decentralization).
- Types of Blockchain: Public, Private, and Hybrid (Permissioned) Ledgers.
- Cryptography Basics: Hashing, Digital Signatures, Consensus Mechanisms.
- Key Applications of Blockchain beyond Cryptocurrencies.
- Understanding the fundamental legal implications of distributed ledger technology.

Module 2: Introduction to Smart Contracts

- Definition and historical context of **Smart Contracts**.
- How Smart Contracts work: Code as Agreement, Self-Execution.
- Technical components: Oracles, Gas, Events.
- Practical Use Cases of Smart Contracts in various industries (e.g., real estate, supply chain).
- Limitations and challenges of Smart Contracts (e.g., "code is law" vs. legal intent).

Module 3: Legal Enforceability of Smart Contracts

- Applying Traditional Contract Law Principles (offer, acceptance, consideration) to Smart Contracts.
- The challenge of **legal intent** vs. coded execution.
- Legal status of hybrid contracts (natural language + code).
- Role of national legislation and model laws in recognizing Smart Contracts.
- Ensuring valid formation and clear terms in Smart Contracts.

Module 4: Regulatory Frameworks for Blockchain and Crypto-Assets

- Classification of Crypto-Assets: Utility Tokens, Security Tokens, Payment Tokens.
- **Securities Regulation** implications for token offerings (ICOs, STOs).
- **Anti-Money Laundering (AML)** and **Know Your Customer (KYC)** requirements for crypto businesses.

- Licensing and Registration Regimes for Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs).
- Emerging global regulatory trends (e.g., MiCA in EU, FinCEN in US).

Module 5: Data Privacy and Intellectual Property on Blockchain

- **Data Privacy Conflicts:** Blockchain immutability vs. **GDPR's "Right to be Forgotten"**.
- Strategies for achieving data privacy on public blockchains (e.g., zero-knowledge proofs, off-chain data).
- **Intellectual Property Rights** over Blockchain code and content.
- IP issues related to **Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs)** and digital art.
- Managing IP in decentralized environments and open-source projects.

Module 6: Tokenization of Assets and Digital Securities

- Concept of **Asset Tokenization:** Representing real-world assets on a blockchain.
- Legal implications of creating and transferring **digital securities**.
- Regulatory challenges of fractional ownership and liquidity of tokenized assets.
- The role of custodianship and legal ownership in a tokenized world.
- Use cases: Tokenized real estate, commodities, and art.

Module 7: Dispute Resolution and Governance in Blockchain Systems

- Challenges in **dispute resolution for Smart Contracts:** Immutability, Jurisdiction.
- Introduction to **Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)** platforms for blockchain.
- Arbitration clauses in Smart Contracts and their enforceability.
- Legal and governance structures for **Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs)**.
- Liabilities and responsibilities within DAOs and decentralized networks.

Module 8: Ethical, Practical, and Future Considerations

- **Ethical implications** for legal professionals in advising on new technologies.
- Client competence and informed consent in a rapidly evolving tech landscape.
- Impact on **legal ethics** and professional responsibility (e.g., competence, confidentiality).
- Practical steps for integrating blockchain tools into legal practice.
- Future trends: Quantum computing's impact, Interoperability, Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs).

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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