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Fiduciary Trust International of the South
2 Alhambra Plaza, Penthouse #1A, Coral Gables, FL

Panelists:

Drew Hinkes, Founder/General Counsel Athena Blockchain

Logan E. Gans, Associate, Shutts & Bowen LLP

Jorge Espinosa, Partner, Espinosa Martinez, PL

Jude Cooper, (JD 2000) Becker & Poliakoff, PL

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Program Agenda

- 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Check-in and Breakfast Networking
- 8:00 – 8:10 a.m. Welcome, introductions and overview
Jude Cooper, Attorney, Becker & Poliakoff and NSU Law Adjunct Professor
- 8:10 –8:30 a.m. **Overview of Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Technology**
Drew Hinkes, Founder/General Counsel Athena Blockchain
- 8:30 – 9:10 am **Intellectual Property Issues and Blockchain**
Jorge Espinosa, Partner, Espinosa Martinez, PL
Intellectual property implication in blockchain
Copyrights and blockchain
Patents and race to digital high ground
Trade secrets and private blockchains
Digital rights management
Trade secret management
- 9:10 – 9:40 am **Token Issuance/Securities Matters (Coin Offerings and Securities Law)**
Drew Hinkes, Founder/General Counsel Athena Blockchain
ICOs
Obligations of ICO issuers
Compliant Issuance strategies
Open and unresolved issues for ICOs
- 9:40 – 10:20 am **Taxation**
Logan Gans, Associate, Shutts & Bowen LLP
Consequences relating to cryptocurrency transactions
- 10:20 – 10:45 am **Legislative and Government Regulation– State and Federal**
Jude Cooper, Attorney, Becker & Poliakoff and NSU Law Adjunct Professor
Recent state laws
Current state proposals
“State” of federal involvement
Emerging trends
- 10:45 – 11:00 am **Question and Answers with Speakers**
Closing Remarks
Jude Cooper, Attorney, Becker & Poliakoff and NSU Law Adjunct Professor, Moderator

Jude Cooper is active in the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar Association. He is a member of the Executive Council and a past Chair of both the Business Litigation Committee and of the Antitrust, Franchise & Trade Regulation Committee. He is currently the Vice Chair of a task force working on proposed state legislation involving the regulation of providers of digital currency.



Jude began his career in a boutique law firm in Miami, focusing on franchise litigation involving 200 franchise systems around the country, and later became an attorney with a prominent international firm. He further developed his practice in complex commercial litigation in the firm he co-founded, Polenberg Cooper. He has handled litigation involving real estate, probate, business torts, intellectual property, shareholder disputes, LLC/partnership disputes, class actions, employment, insurance coverage, and contracts.

Mr. Cooper has been an Adjunct Professor at the Shepard Broad Law Center of Nova Southeastern University since 2013. Cooper is active in pro bono matters in the area, emphasizing the protection of the rights of children. Mr. Cooper is active in the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar Association. He is a member of the Executive Council and a past Chair of both the Business Litigation Committee and of the Antitrust, Franchise & Trade Regulation Committee. He is currently the Vice Chair of a task force working on proposed state legislation involving the regulation of providers of digital currency.

Jorge Espinosa's practice focuses on the domestic and international protection of trademarks, patents and copyrights. He was a software programmer and also provides services related to cloud computing, social networking, Internet and computer law. He works with clients to develop both short term and long-term strategies to achieve their goals whether these goals involve the strategic growth of an intellectual property portfolio or the aggressive protection of an existing portfolio.



Mr. Espinosa operates two blogs - The Gray Blog, dedicated to news, laws and trends involving the parallel market (www.TheGrayBlog.com) and LexNimbus, dedicated to the developing law of cloud computing, social networking and the Internet (www.LexNimbus.com). Jorge works extensively with foreign counsel to develop international intellectual property strategies for clients. He has substantial experience serving as local counsel for firms seeking to enforce their client's rights in South Florida and Latin America. Jorge is fluent in English and Spanish.

Andrew "Drew" Hinkes, Esq., is a co-founder and the General Counsel of Athena Blockchain, a start-up investment bank focused on tokenized securities. Drew was appointed as an adjunct Professor by the NYU Stern Business School and the NYU School of Law, where he co-teaches "Blockchains, Digital Currencies and the Future of the Financial Services Industry."



Mr. Hinkes has been quoted and featured in the New York Times, Time Magazine, Barrons, Christian Science Monitor, MIT Technology Review, Bloomberg BNA, Miami Herald, McClatchy's, and various industry press regarding crypto assets and blockchain technology, and regularly speaks at legal, technology industry, and academic conferences. Previously, Drew was a Partner at Chambers-rated Florida law firm Berger Singerman LLP. Prior to his legal career, Mr. Hinkes worked in technology audit and continuity of business capacities for Citibank and consulted on various technology projects. He holds an A.B. in History from Washington University in St. Louis and a J.D. from the University of Miami.

Logan E. Gans is an attorney in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Tax and International Law Practice Group. Logan regularly represents clients on U.S. Federal tax, international tax, and state and local tax matters. Logan also advises U.S. clients on outbound corporate and tax planning. He also counsels foreign clients on their inbound investments in the United States, including U.S. real property, corporate restructurings, and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. Logan also advises high net worth private clients on estate, trust, and gift tax matters.



A Florida Certified Public Accountant, Mr. Gans also is experienced in advising clients on partnership tax planning, pre-immigration tax planning, tax due diligence, transfer pricing, and tax compliance. He represents clients on tax controversy matters, including the IRS Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program (OVDP) and Streamlined Filing Compliance Procedures.

Prior to joining Shutts & Bowen, Logan was an International Tax Senior Consultant with the multinational accounting firm of Deloitte LLP.