

Katten Bitcoin Webinar Offers Legal and Compliance Insight

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Wolters Kluwer's *Securities Regulation Daily* featured highlights from Katten's recent webinar, "[Trading Bitcoin: Legal and Compliance Considerations for Trading and Facilitating Transactions in Bitcoin](#)." The presentation included an overview of the three types of cryptocurrencies and in-depth discussions on potential regulatory concerns stemming from Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Katten attorneys Henry Bregstein, Gary DeWaal, Anthony Paccione and Ayah Sultan raised several practical concerns for firms trading or facilitating trading of Bitcoin futures, such as adequate disclosures, the authority of exchanges when it comes to market prices, customer agreements and how to handle liquidations of client positions. In terms of litigation related concerns, Katten attorneys noted it will likely mirror regulatory enforcement actions. Other risks for litigation include significant market losses, the resale of unregistered securities, forced liquidations, trading and delivery issues, as well IPO related fraud and Ponzi related actions where investor funds have seemingly disappeared. ("Katten Webinar Surveys the Vast Legal and Compliance Landscape for Cryptocurrencies," December 13, 2017)

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