



# LEGAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE DISRUPTORS

**Mackrell.Solicitors is an award-winning, full-service law firm, with a truly global reach.**

Headquartered in Central London, with offices in the heart of Birmingham, we have been providing high-quality legal advice and services since 1845.

No nonsense, no jargon, just straightforward advice specifically tailored to your needs.

Being a full-service firm allows us to look after each client's every need – be it personal or corporate – even those in niche and nuanced sectors such as the crypto and blockchain space.



# EVOLUTION OR BUBBLE?

Few advancements in the last century have been more polarising than the emergence of the crypto and blockchain sector.

From proponents hailing it as the future of finance and technology, to critics dismissing it as a speculative bubble – there is no denying that crypto and the blockchain tech that underpin them are one of the most discussed, yet misunderstood, disruptive technologies in the 21st century.

Despite the divide in opinion, with more individuals and institutions embracing crypto and blockchain technology, the general consensus is that this technology is here to stay.

As more innovation stems from the sector and more use cases begin to emerge, its impact on business, finance, and technology could be significant in the years to come.

And we are here for it.



**Bitcoin, and the ideas behind it, will be a disruptor to the traditional notions of currency. In the end, currency will be better for it.**

*Edmund Moy – 38th Director of the US Mint*



**Stay away from it. It's a mirage, basically. In terms of cryptocurrencies generally, I can say almost with certainty they will come to a bad ending.**

*Warren Buffet – CEO of Berkshire Hathaway*



**If you don't believe it or don't get it, I don't have time to try to convince you, sorry.**

*Satoshi Nakamoto*



# **BREAKING BARRIERS**

## **NAVIGATING LEGAL CHALLENGES IN THE CRYPTO & BLOCKCHAIN LANDSCAPE**

In recent years, crypto and blockchain technology have become increasingly popular worldwide.

The emergence of the sector has provided companies and individuals with innovative opportunities and new ways to conduct business, raise capital, invest, and grow into new markets.

However, as the crypto and blockchain landscape continues to evolve, it has also encountered various legal challenges due to the various approaches taken by regulators and legislators across the globe.

Consequently, the crypto and blockchain space presents uniquely complex and novel legal challenges for industry participants and regulators alike.



Our team of multi-disciplinary lawyers weave together legal expertise along with a keen and current understanding of sector specific issues so that we are able to provide robust, knowledgeable, cost effective and innovative legal solutions to clients operating in this rapidly developing.

At Mackrell.Solicitors, we recognised the potential of the crypto and blockchain industry early on, and the benefits that the advent of this technology could offer, including decentralisation, transparency and immutability.

We also saw the potential for the technology and its application to disrupt traditional industries, such as finance, real estate, and supply chain management.

Our knowledge of the sector, coupled with the wealth of legal experience and practice areas within our firm has allowed us to become a leading provider of legal services to businesses and individuals operating in this space.

### **Greater than the sum of our parts**

With a proud history stretching back to 1845, we have been providing high-quality legal services for nearly 200-years.

To provide our clients with the highest quality legal advice and services, we recognised the ongoing need to build and develop expertise in the crypto and blockchain space. We invested heavily in training our lawyers and staff on both the technical and legal aspects relevant to this industry. After all, you would expect your professional advisors in the sector to know the difference between a fish fork and a hard fork!

We also established associations and relationships with other industry experts, such as accountants, tax advisors, developers, insurers, brokers, analysts, and barristers to name but a few.

By building a network of professionals with diverse skills and knowledge, we are able to offer our clients a full comprehensive suite of services.

### **Because one size doesn't fit all**

Innovation and advancement is intrinsic to any rapidly evolving sector, particularly so in the crypto and blockchain space.

Businesses and individuals operating in this space require legal advice and services that are tailored to their specific needs.

Our lawyers work closely with clients to understand their business model, risk profiles, compliance needs, and regulatory requirements.

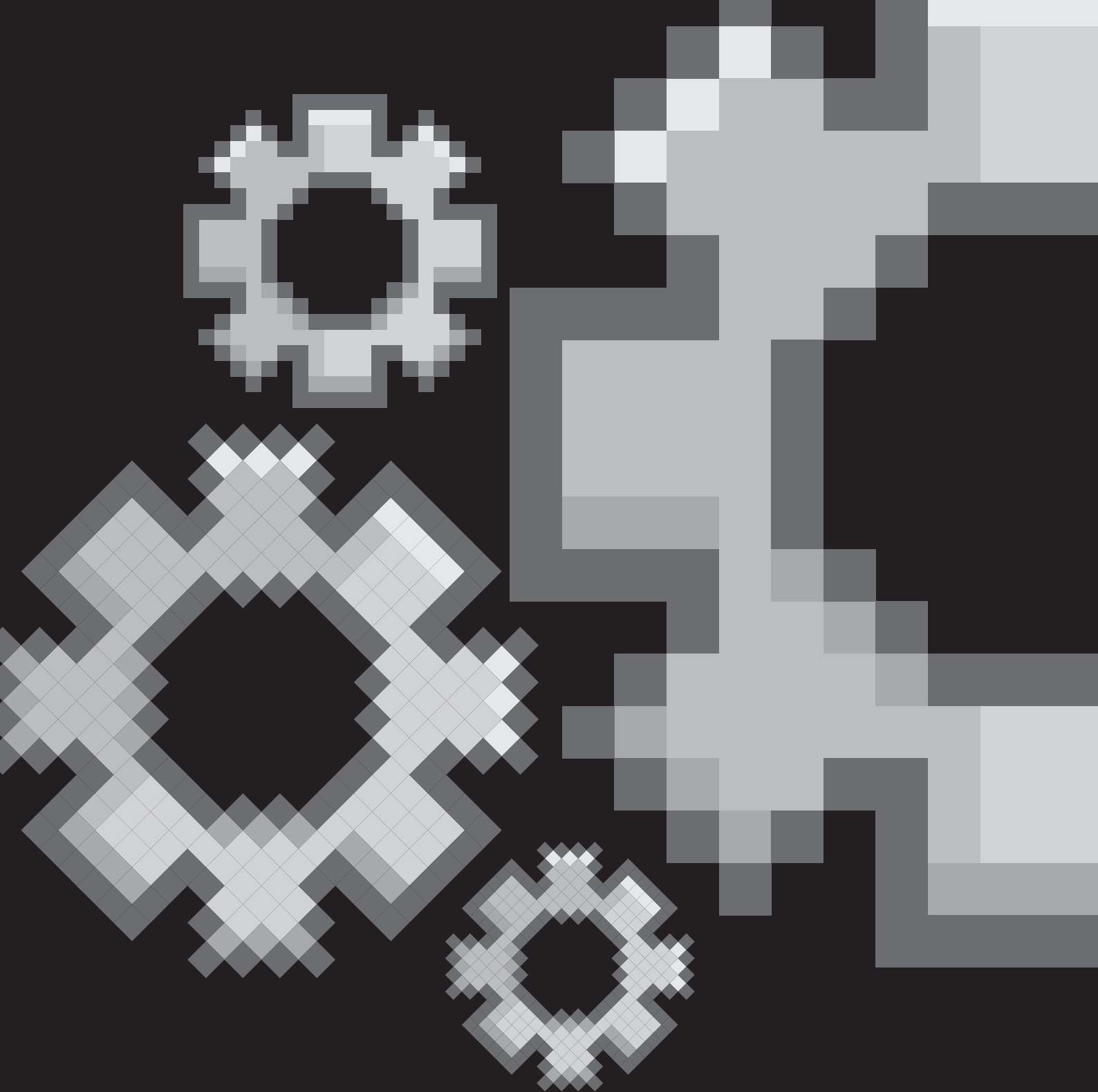
Pairing our expertise in legal services along with our sector specific knowledge, we are able to provide our clients with robust and cost effective legal solutions that are technically and commercially practical.

### **The Regulator says...**

One of the common challenges for businesses and individuals operating in the sector is regulatory uncertainty. As regulations evolve, industry participants will need to ensure they remain compliant while also taking advantage of opportunities to innovate.

Our early involvement in the sector has allowed us to navigate regulatory uncertainty with confidence, and we remain up to date on the latest regulatory proposals and developments.

If you are operating in the crypto and blockchain space, we would be happy to discuss how we can help you navigate the challenges the sector may present – one legal block at a time.



## OUR SERVICES

The emergence of the crypto and blockchain sector has provided companies and individuals with exciting opportunities, but such opportunities also come with the possibility of regulatory and commercial risks. These risks can be even more apparent given that existing laws and regulations are still 'playing catch-up' and as such, much of the innovation and development in the space is inevitably in uncharted legal territory.

That is why the demand for support from our expert Crypto and Blockchain Team grows.

Being a full service law firm, we are well placed to deal with a variety of clients, with a variety of needs. From coins to NFT's, from crypto pioneers to the crypto-curious, and everything in between. We can advise and assist on:

## Litigation and Disputes

- Breaches of contract
- Mismanagement of crypto portfolios
- Tracing and obtaining freezing injunctions and disclosure orders with a view to recovering misappropriated crypto
- Disputes with exchanges
- Intellectual property issues

## Compliance and Regulatory Advice

- Reviewing and advising on whitepapers/litepapers
- Advising on token sales and token issuances
- Advising exchanges and other crypto businesses on the applicable regulatory regime
- Advising and assisting with FCA registration
- Advising on token classification as per FCA taxonomy
- AML and KYC compliance advice

## Commercial and Corporate Services

- Drafting and advising on various commercial contracts and agreements involving crypto/blockchain implementation
- Advising crypto businesses in relation to corporate structures and jurisdictions

- Drafting and advising on contractual terms on listing with exchanges
- Drafting and advising on token purchase and sale agreements, mining agreements, SAFT agreements, and crypto custody agreements
- Investments in crypto and blockchain businesses
- Joint Ventures

## Transacting with crypto, or fiat fund derived from cyptoassets

- Advising and assisting parties wishing to purchase real estate property or other substantial assets with crypto
- Advising and assisting parties wishing to purchase real estate property or other substantial assets with fiat funds derived from crypto
- Advising established traditional companies on the incorporation of crypto as a form of payment

## Estate Planning

- Advising on wills and testaments to incorporate crypto;
- Advising on trust structures to hold crypto;
- Advising on crypto for inheritance tax purposes
- Advising on family law matters relating to crypto, including divorce settlements and pre-nuptial agreements
- Advising on philanthropic matters involving crypto

For a comprehensive overview of the full suite of our services in the sector and to see if we can assist you, reach out and connect with our team.

# BEYOND BORDERS:

# BRIDGING THE GAP

**Our Mackrell International Global Legal Network, boasting over 170 offices, in 60 jurisdictions, with over 4,500 lawyers globally.**

The world of crypto operates on a global scale, transcending geographical borders and eliminating traditional barriers to financial transactions. With the advent of this technology, individuals and businesses can participate in the global economy without limitations imposed by traditional financial systems.

The borderless nature of the cryptosector has undeniably opened up new possibilities for financial inclusion, creating opportunities in all corners of our world.

By virtue of being one of the founding members of Mackrell International, our reach extends far beyond the UK. Through our international network, we have seamless access to legal assistance in over 60 jurisdictions. Similar to a cross-chain bridge, our international network can be a powerful tool when considering expansion into new jurisdictions, ensuring seamless communication and cooperation across borders.

Our recent crypto and blockchain related work has included work in jurisdictions such:

- Singapore
- Italy
- Canada
- France
- United Arab Emirates
- USA
- San Marino
- South Africa
- Gibraltar

**Local Expertise on a Global Scale.**







On behalf of **NiceHash**, I would like to thank you for your extremely correct and professional attitude.

The work was done in an exemplary manner, **professionally, quickly and efficiently**. All credit goes to the coordinator, who ensured transparent and efficient work, communication and implementation at all times. NiceHash is a global brand in the crypto industry with a presence in multiple countries. We have experience working with law firms in a wide range of jurisdictions.

I can safely say you are at the **forefront of our positive experience** in this field to date.



# WHAT THEY SAY

We pride ourselves on delivering exceptional legal services, but of course, we would say that. So don't just take our word for it. Our existing clients have reached the same consensus.

Read on to hear from some of our satisfied clients about their experiences in working with us.

Their words speak more than ours ever could to the high level of service and expertise you can expect when you choose Mackrell.Solicitors as your trusted legal partner and advisor in the crypto and blockchain sector.



The team conducted a legal review of our whitepaper and proposed token mechanics-providing exactly the level of expertise we were looking for. A quick turn around from the moment I sent an enquiry through the website and a professional and efficient experience with Mackrell.Solicitors.

*Regulatory advice for one of the largest NFT projects on the Cardano Blockchain*



I am really, really appreciative of your professionalism with a very high standard of performance and ethics. Apart from “Thank you Very Very Much” I really don't know what else I can say.



Many thanks for this piece of work. It's been incredibly valuable, and has given me more confidence in investing in the space.

*Crypto-centric advisory and compliance advice*

# YOUR KEY CONTACT



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Chris Lane is Director of Business Development and Client Relations at Mackrell.Solicitors and works closely with the Partners and Sector Heads to promote the firm from our London and Birmingham office, as well as globally alongside Mackrell International.

Chris has helped to develop the firms sector specific strategies (which can be found [here](#)) which include Sport & Entertainment, CBD and pharmaceutical cannabis, and of course [Crypto & Blockchain Technology](#).

## RECENT FIRM ACCREDITATIONS



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The last few years have shown that, for businesses, standing still is no longer an option.

And the crypto and blockchain market is at the **forefront of that revolution**, and businesses that are involved are no longer pioneers; they are mainstream and **they are the future**.

So for us, to have the fantastic level of expertise in this area that we do, and to have the unique reputation that we do, puts us front and centre of that revolution, and in the best possible position to advise clients on both the good and bad of the crypto generation; we are **here to help you**, and to work with you on your journey – one of very few firms in the UK qualified to say that.



*Maung Aye – Joint Managing Partner*



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