

# Crypto & Blockchain Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on blockchain and cryptocurrency. Also known as “crypto,” cryptocurrency is “a digital or virtual currency that is not issued by any central authority, is designed to function as a medium of exchange, and uses encryption technology to regulate the generation of units of currency, to verify fund transfers, and to prevent counterfeiting.” Blockchain is “a string of bundled digital records of completed cryptocurrency transactions during a specified time on a network collectively forming a ledger that is open to public view.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11<sup>th</sup> ed.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Texas Business & Commerce Code

- Title 1. Uniform Commercial Code Ch. 12 Virtual Currency  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/BC/html/BC.12.htm>

Texas Finance Code

- Ch. 152 Regulation of Money Services Businesses (*law effective Sept. 1, 2023*)  
<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/analysis/html/SB00895F.htm>
- Ch. 160 Digital Asset Service Providers (*law effective Sept. 1, 2023*)  
<https://legiscan.com/TX/text/HB1666/2023>

## Secondary Resources

**Egan on Entities** (*available on Lexis Advance*)

- § 2.2.3 Blockchain

Article: “Not Your Keys, Not Your Coins: Unpriced Credit Risk in Cryptocurrency” (2023) 100 Tex. L. Rev. 877 (*available on Lexis Advance*)

Article: Kevin V. Tu, “Crypto-Collateral,” *SMU Science and Technology Law Review* 21, no. 2 (Fall/Winter 2018): 205-258. (*Available on HeinOnline*)

Article: Sarah Jane Hughes, “Do Blockchain Technologies Make Us Safer? Do Cryptocurrencies Necessarily Make Us less Safe?,” *Texas International Law Journal* 55, no. 3 (Summer 2020): 373-394. (*Available on HeinOnline*)

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Family Law Drafting KFT 1294.A92**

- 2021 Ch. 4 Division and Transfer of Unique Assets Incident to Divorce
  - Appendix 17: Division of Cryptocurrency (Held with Exchange)
  - Appendix 18: Division of Cryptocurrency (Held with Digital Wallet)

**Agricultural Law KFT 1439 S7A5**

- 2022 Ch. 1.2 Around the Block: Cryptocurrencies Ag Product Tracing

**Collections and Creditors Rights KFT 1367.C6S7**

- 2022 Ch. 19 Asset Collection: Cryptocurrency and Beyond

## Marriage Dissolution Institute *(PDF only)*

- 2022 Ch. 13 Welcome to the Future: Dividing Digital Assets

## Online Resources

Cryptocurrency in Texas (Texas Comptroller)

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/fiscal-notes/2022/aug/crypto-tx.php>

Cryptocurrencies: How They Work (Texas State Securities Board)

<https://www.ssb.texas.gov/cryptocurrencies-how-they-work>

Cryptocurrency Scams (Texas State Securities Board)

<https://www.ssb.texas.gov/cryptocurrency-scams>

Bitcoin Mining Booms in Texas (Reuters)

<https://www.reuters.com/technology/despite-industry-headwinds-bitcoin-mining-booms-texas-2023-03-23/>

Virtual Currency Guidance (Texas Department of Banking)

<https://www.dob.texas.gov/consumer-information/virtual-currency-guidance>

Blog: What's the Difference Between Cryptocurrency and Blockchain? (Shardeum)

<https://shardeum.org/blog/difference-between-cryptocurrency-and-blockchain/>

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)