

## Josh Lawler

*Partner – Los Angeles*

Mr. Lawler's practice focuses on mergers & acquisitions, securities law and technology transactions. His M&A clients include private equity groups, public and private companies, fundless sponsors, family offices and sellers of large assets. In collaboration with multi-lingual colleagues, Mr. Lawler often works across languages and sovereign borders to execute international transactions. He's worked in relation to over 20 countries over the past several years. Many of his clients are domiciled outside of the United States.

Mr. Lawler leads the firm's Emerging Technologies Group, with a particular emphasis on Blockchain (distributed ledger), artificial intelligence, robotics, biotechnology, virtual/augmented reality, cybersecurity, and related technologies. In this capacity, Mr. Lawler counsels clients in respect to securities and regulatory matters, including issue of tokens and digitized assets; as well as development, licensing, commercial use, acquisition and disposition of all manner of intellectual property.

As a dedicated futurist, Mr. Lawler brings enthusiasm and excitement to cutting edge projects. He is a recognized expert in matters relating to distributed ledger technology. In addition to legal counsel, Mr. Lawler provides clients with extreme problem solving skills and practical business advice. Many of Mr. Lawler's clients rely on him as outside general counsel. Prior to joining Zuber Lawler, Mr. Lawler practiced as a corporate securities and M&A attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

### Speaking Engagements

- **Panelist**, *Crypto and Blockchain – Threat or Opportunity for Financial Services?*, Blockchain Expo Global;
- **Panelist**, *Governance and Regulation in Blockchain Business Networks*, Blockchain Expo Global;
- **Panelist**, *Best Practices in M&A and Post-Merger Integration*, Expert Webcast;
- **Panelist**, *Crypto-securities & Regulation*, Blockchain North America Expo;
- **Panelist**, *Demystifying Cryptocurrency and Blockchain for the Federal Equity Receiver*, NAFER Annual Conference;



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### Education

#### Northwestern University School of Law

J.D. *cum laude*

Honors: Graduated in Top 10% of Class

#### Duke University

B.S., B.A.

Majors: Bio-Psychology, History

Concentration in Genetics

#### Oxford University

Study Abroad

### Bar Admissions

California

### Court Admissions

U.S. District Court - Central District of CA

- **Moderator**, *Blockchain and Entertainment*, Hollywood Entertainment Technology Festival;
- **Guest Speaker**, *Business Rockstars*, CBS Radio/KFWB Talk News 980;
- **Presenter**, *The Legal Underpinnings of Paradigm Shift in Content Delivery*, USC Marshall School of Business.

## Publications

- **Author**, *Your ICO/TGE is subject to the US Securities laws; now what?*
- **Author**, *Legal Guide to Representation in Middle Market Mergers & Acquisition*;
- **Author**, *Distributed Facts — The Missing Link to Solving “Fake News”*, December 17<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Phantom Tax Consequences on Receipt of Digital Assets by Airdrop*, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Is Walmart a Technology Company Incognito?*, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *How to See a Deadbeat Client Before They Become a Collection Issue*, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Microsoft’s Ethereum-based token on Azure solidifies humanity’s assimilation into the Borg*, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Spencer Dinwiddie’s Dream Didn’t Come True — Yet*, October 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Kik’d Down for the Count? Kik vs. SEC Part Three*, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Walmart’s Crypto Experiment to Shake the Foundations of the Retail Payment Process. . . and a Whole Lot More*, August 28<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *IRS Tax Letters Mean Cryptocurrency is Getting the Attention it Deserves*, August 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Made In America? How To Keep Blockchain Projects From Fleeing The United States*, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Props and Blockstack Both Given SEC Greenlight On Reg A+, but What’s the Difference?*, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Kik’d Below the Belt: Kik vs. SEC Revisited One Month Later*, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Facebook’s Entry Into Crypto is Bad News For Decentralization*, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *Binance Blocked US: Form Letter for Your Congressional Representative*, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;
- **Author**, *How KYC May Unite the Developed World*, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, published on Medium.com;

## Media

- **Speaker**, *Issuing Shares of Stock as Tokens on a Blockchain*, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3I6Ekg5SkE>

- **Speaker**, *How to Distribute Dividends to Token Holders*, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2018, YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIHAEnbkC2A>
- **Speaker**, *ChainLink, the Token Taxonomy Act, and regulatory hurdles from the CFTCHolders*, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2019, YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oY2LnUshZ7g>