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VANDERBILT LAW HOSTS BLOCKCHAIN CONFERENCE

GLOBAL CONFERENCE EXPLORES THE IMPACT OF DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY ON LAW

March 15, 2017, Nashville, TN – A dynamic group of global blockchain thought leaders and experts will gather on April 7, 2017 at Vanderbilt University for the [Blockchain and the Law Conference](#), where participants will explore what impact this distributed ledger technology is having on the law and legal professionals. The day-long Conference, produced by [Vanderbilt Law School's Program on Law and Innovation](#), will take place at Vanderbilt's Student Life Center.

Blockchain technology is most often associated with bitcoin and other digital currency. However, its application as a secure, immutable, verifiable, distributed ledger lends itself to seemingly endless applications across industries and sectors. From finance to music to energy to healthcare to insurance, blockchain is transforming the way transactions happen globally. This transformation has many affects on law, policy, and regulation – and this intersection is what Conference participants will consider through a series of fast-paced, interactive presentations and significant networking opportunities.

Larry Bridgesmith, coordinator of the Vanderbilt Law School Program on Law & Innovation, stated, "Although blockchain technology applications are in their infancy, we are already seeing tremendous implications for the practice of law. From 'dynamic contracts' to programmed transactions which execute themselves, lawyers are preparing for a significantly different professional landscape. This conference will deepen the dialog among lawyers, clients and technologists for the benefit of each."

Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Jeff Bivins will welcome Conference participants, kicking off the series of interactive talks to be delivered by blockchain thought leaders from across the globe. Presenters include Dr. Modest Oprysko, IBM Research Scientist; Sebastian Zilch, of NetApp/Germany; Peter Hunn, CEO of Clause; Jason Epstein, Nelson Mullins; and more blockchain experts traveling to Nashville from around the world.

For more information about the [Blockchain and the Law Conference](#) and to register, please visit the event website: blockchainvls.org. The Blockchain and Law conference is made possible thanks to

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This is the second annual conference hosted by Vanderbilt Law School's Program on Law and Innovation, following last year's Artificial Intelligence and the Law Conference. The Conference will be followed by a [Blockchain Bootcamp](#) on April 7 and the inaugural [Music City Legal Hackathon + Unconference](#) on April 8, which will all take place at Vanderbilt Law School. Conference attendees are invited to stay for the Hackathon, which is a free event open to any and all interested in creating access to justice through innovation and technology.