



The Bitcoin Network, Blockchain Technology and Altcoin Futures

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In 2008, as the financial markets crumbled in the largest economic crisis the world has seen since the 1930s, Satoshi Nakamoto published a white paper describing his **Bitcoin** network and the **blockchain** technology that was used to enable it. (By common convention, Bitcoin with a capital “B” typically refers to the Bitcoin network as a whole, whereas bitcoin with a lowercase “b” refers to the digital asset of the Bitcoin network.) Since then, while markets have recovered, Nakamoto’s creation has flourished and spawned countless other “**altcoins**” along with new uses and applications for his blockchain technology and its derivatives.

Because the Bitcoin network and blockchain technology have become key components of today’s digital economy, it is important for attorneys and others to understand the basic terminology and features of this technology. This article provides high-level explanations for this purpose.

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