

## Research Topic Guide – Blockchain Technology

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**Scenario:** After reading about how blockchain might revolutionize the financial industry, a legal researcher is curious to learn more about this new technology and how it is being regulated.

**Search:** blockchain and regulat!

**Results:** Search results include publications and program transcripts such as:

- Banking Law Institute
- Blockchain Technology and Smart Contracts: Driving Widespread Change in Business, Government and the Law
- Institute on Privacy and Data Security Law
- Investment Management Institute
- Law and Business of Open Source Software
- Marketplace Lending and Crowdfunding
- TechLaw Institute
- Think Like a Lawyer, Talk Like a Geek: Get Fluent in Technology
- Virtual Currencies, Bitcoin and the Blockchain: The Intersection of Technology and Law

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