

2025 Blockchain Tax Conference

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Speaker Biographies

Noah Buxton - CEO, The Network Firm

Noah has more than 15 years of experience serving clients across complex tax, audit, legal, and regulatory compliance matters. Noah sets the strategy and oversees execution at The Network Firm, while continuing to serve clients directly and advance thought leadership and best practices for the crypto industry. Since 2016, Noah has served hundreds of digital asset clients, including hundreds of individual and corporate tax clients, assisting with crypto basis tracking and complex cryptocurrency tax reporting needs. Noah and partners created and launched the world's first application of real-time attest technology in 2018 and continue to lead the market in Proof of Reserves services. Noah is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA), and a former member of the California Bar Association. He has actively served in the AICPA's Digital Assets Working Group since 2018 and is a former Steering Committee member for C4's Cryptocurrency Security Standard (CCSS). Additionally, Noah serves on The Digital Chamber (TDC) Executive Committee and leads its Accounting Taskforce. Noah holds a Bachelor of Business Administration & Economics from the University of Nevada Reno and a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego.



Beatriz Castaneda - Director, Tax Information Reporting, Coinbase

Beatriz is responsible for her company's information reporting program for digital assets. Her team develops information reporting policies for Coinbase and its affiliates. She drafts guidance and protocols for internal use as well as customer communications related to tax reporting obligations. Prior to being at Coinbase, Beatriz was Vice President, Tax and Cost Basis Operations & Abandoned Property Reporting at Charles Schwab.

Beatriz is a member of the IRS Advisory Council (IRSAC) and served on the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee from 2014 to 2016.



Beatriz holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dominican University of California.

Shehan Chandrasekera - Head of Tax Strategy, CoinTracker

Shehan is one of the handful of CPAs in the country who is recognized as a subject matter expert on cryptocurrency taxation. He is the Head of Tax Strategy at CoinTracker, a Forbes Crypto Tax Analyst and a CPE instructor who has won multiple awards. Shehan is a renowned speaker who has done speaking engagements with many organizations including Google, Coinbase, Square, Consensus, Coindesk, Lyft, AICPA, American Bar Association, and a plethora of state CPA Societies.



Matthew Dimon - Associate, Fenwick & West

Matthew concentrates his practice on a wide variety of domestic and international tax matters, including both tax planning and tax controversy. Matthew has worked with clients from equally varied backgrounds, including cutting-edge startups, blockchain innovators, VC funds, and large Fortune 100 companies.

During law school, Matthew was president of the Tax Club, community development chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association, a member editor of the Stanford Journal of Law Business and Finance, a member of the Tax Pro Bono Clinic, and president of the Stanford Table Tennis Club. Matthew also worked as a Research and Teaching Assistant, and he was awarded the Pacific Tax Policy Institute Achievement Award for his work in tax.



Erin Fennimore - VP of Enterprise Tax Solutions, Taxbit

Erin leads the expansion of tax software solutions in emerging and ever-changing crypto markets, both domestically and abroad, and helps scale Taxbit's information reporting.

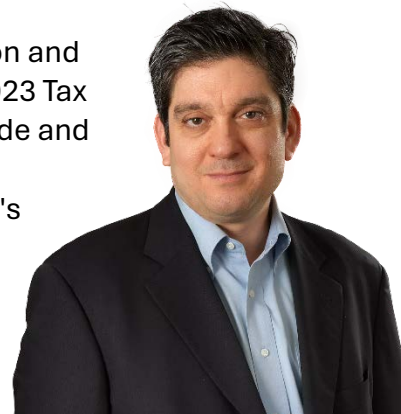
Erin brings over 10 years of expertise and experience in information reporting and withholding. Prior to joining Taxbit, she led the Global Tax Reporting group at Moss Adams, where she focused on the private equity and venture capital sector, as well as advising multinational corporations and financial institutions on compliance with information reporting and withholding regulations.



Erin also worked at IHS Markit—formerly Compliance Technologies International—where she designed, tested, and implemented tax software solutions for tax due diligence, withholding, and information reporting.

David Forst - Partner, Tax, Fenwick & West

David focuses on international corporate and partnership taxation and the taxation of blockchain technology. David has been named 2023 Tax Leaders by the International Tax Review's Tax Leaders Expert Guide and is ranked in the highest tier for Tax law in Northern California by Chambers and Partners in 2023. David is included in Euromoney's Tax Advisors Expert Guides (World's Leading Tax Advisors, World's Leading Transfer Pricing Advisors and was named one of the Top 30 U.S. Tax Advisors). He is also in The Legal 500 Hall of Fame and is regularly recognized in the Law and Business Research's International Who's Who of Corporate and Tax Lawyers. David is listed in Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business, and has been named a Northern California Super Lawyer in Tax by San Francisco Magazine.



David is a lecturer at Stanford Law School and UC Berkeley Law School where he focuses on international taxation. He is an editor of and regular contributor to the Journal of Taxation, where his publications have included articles on international joint ventures, international tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions, the dual consolidated loss regulations, and foreign currency issues. David is a frequent chair and speaker at tax conferences, including the NYU Tax Institute, the Tax Executives Institute, and the International Fiscal Association.

Sinead Kelly - Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP

Sinead Kelly is a partner in Baker McKenzie's Compensation practice. She advises on US executive compensation and global equity and has practiced in the compensation field since 2005. She regularly speaks and publishes on compensation-related topics, including in the Corporate Taxation Journal and Law 360, and is a contributing author to Lexis Practice Advisor and Wolters Kluwer's "Practical Guide to SEC Proxy and Compensation Rules." Sinead has been recognized by Chambers USA for Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation, most recently in 2023, is a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer for 2024, and is ranked by Legal 500 as a "Leading Lawyer" for Employee Benefits, Executive Compensation and Retirement Plan Design. She is also on the Advisory Board of the Certified Equity Professionals Institute (CEPI) of Santa Clara University.



Seoyoung Kim - Department Chair, Associate Professor of Finance, Santa Clara University

Seoyoung Kim is the Department Chair and Associate Professor of Finance at Santa Clara University, where she teaches Financial Engineering, Corporate Finance, and FinTech in the graduate business programs. Seoyoung is a widely cited financial expert, with a specialized focus on structured products, risk management, and compensation/incentive alignment. Her expertise extends to crypto-assets, NFTs, and other blockchain-based DeFi protocols and blockchain-adjacent ventures – on which she has also consulted and written extensively, including her recent books: DeFi For Dummies and NFTs For Dummies.



Dr. Kim regularly gives workshops and seminars on cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology and analytics, DeFi applications and protocols, and smart contract design. Prior to joining SCU, Professor Kim held a faculty appointment at Purdue University. She holds a B.A. in Mathematics from Rice University and Ph.D. in Finance from Emory University.

Kristopher Klaich - Policy Director, The Digital Chamber

Kristopher is an entrepreneur/international development consultant-turned blockchain/digital asset professional, having worked in economic development and international security in the Middle East and Central/Southeast Asia. His travels to 90+ countries brought him face to face with the dearth of opportunities available to many simply by the lottery of birth and developed in him a joy for cultural exchange.



Beginning in early 2020 Kristopher became drawn into the digital asset universe and its potential to level playing fields, enable voices to be heard uncensored and provide access to new forms of value and economic activity indiscriminately. He is fascinated both by the solutions it promises across nearly every industry in the world as well as its breathtaking acceleration of innovation exploding in a thousand vectors--this inspired him to obtain a Masters in Blockchain and Digital Currency.

Colby Mangels - Tax Policy Advisor, OECD

Colby Mangels is a Tax Policy Advisor at the OECD's Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, focusing on the development and global implementation of the Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework and amendments to the Common Reporting Standard. Previously, Colby has also worked as a Policy Analyst at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), where he helped design and draft the FATF's international anti-money laundering methodology on Virtual Assets and Virtual Asset Service Providers. Prior to joining the OECD, Colby worked for several years as a bank regulatory lawyer at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.



Colby obtained a Juris Doctor degree from UC Berkeley Law and is an active member of the District of Columbia Bar Association. Prior to law school, Colby was a Fulbright Scholar researching anti-money laundering issues in Switzerland and worked as a parliamentary staff member in the German Parliament. Colby is originally from Georgia and obtained his undergraduate degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech).

Sean McElroy - Associate, Fenwick & West

Sean advises clients, including early-stage startups, unicorns, and Fortune 100 multinationals on a wide array of domestic and international tax planning and tax controversy matters. Sean has particular expertise advising clients on tax matters related to blockchain and cryptocurrency ecosystems. He has advised numerous clients on tax issues relating to token generation events, private token sales, NFTs, decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs), and centralized and decentralized cryptocurrency structures. Sean's clients in this space include protocol development teams, founders, investment platforms, cryptocurrency exchanges, and individual investors. Sean also has experience representing clients in tax controversies. He has represented large multinational companies in advance pricing agreements, tax arbitrations, administrative proceedings against the IRS, in U.S. District Court, and in the U.S. Tax Court. Sean has also represented taxpayers in controversies relating to the taxation of cryptocurrency. Sean has advised several Fortune 100 companies on international and domestic tax planning matters, including transfer pricing, foreign tax credit utilization, GILTI, Subpart F, and international M&A and restructurings.



Sean has been a lecturer in law at Stanford Law School, where he taught a course in Blockchain Tax. He has also spoken at events hosted by IFA and the American Bar Association on the taxation of cryptocurrency. During law school, Sean was a member of

the Stanford Law Review, and was a student Bradley Fellow at the Stanford Constitutional Law Center. He clerked for the Honorable Dale S. Fischer on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Annette Nellen – Professor & MST Program Director, San Jose State University

Annette Nellen, CPA, CGMA, Esq., is a professor in and director of San José State University's graduate tax program (MST), teaching courses in tax research, accounting methods, individual tax, property transactions, employment tax, ethics, leadership, and tax policy. Annette is a past chair of the AICPA Tax Executive Committee (October 2016 to May 2019). She chairs the ABA Tax Section's Tax Policy & Simplification Committee and is a former chair of the Section's Sales, Exchanges & Basis Committee. She chairs the AICPA Digital Asset Tax Task Force. Annette is the recipient of the 2013 Arthur J. Dixon Memorial Award given by the Tax Division of the AICPA, the highest award given by the accounting profession in the area of taxation. She was selected for Accounting Today's 2024 List of the Most Influential People in Accounting. In 2023, she was appointed to a 3-year term to IRSAC and served as its chair for 2024.



Annette is the author of Bloomberg BNA Tax Portfolio #533, Amortization of Intangibles. She is an editor and author for four Southwestern Federal Taxation textbooks, and a regular contributor for Tax Analyst's Tax Notes State (Moving Forward? column). She is a frequent speaker on tax updates, various individual and property transactions tax rules, digital assets, tax reform, and tax policy. Annette sponsors the 21st Century Taxation website and blog (www.21stcenturytaxation.com). Annette has testified before the House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, California Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee, and tax reform commissions and committees on various aspects of federal and state tax reform and tax policy.

Annette is a graduate of CSU Northridge (BS Accounting), Pepperdine (MBA), and Loyola Law School (JD). Prior to joining SJSU in 1990, Annette was with Ernst & Young, and the IRS.

Ken O'Friel - CEO and Co-Founder, Toku

Ken is the CEO and co-founder of Toku. In addition to his past work in the U.S., Ken also worked for Bank of America and Merrill Lynch in Tokyo, Japan. He has degrees in Economics and East Asian Studies from Bates College.



Taylor Reid - Retired Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP

Taylor Reid is a recently retired International Tax Partner with Baker McKenzie, where he advised clients in the software, cloud computing, blockchain, and fintech industries for over 30 years. He is a co-author of the BNA Tax Management Portfolio on the Federal Taxation of Software and Digital Transactions, a contributor to Baker McKenzie's Crypto Boot Camp webinar series, and a frequent author and speaker on the international taxation of software and digital assets.



Yu-Ting Wang, CPA - Tax Partner, Dello PC

With more than 20 years of experience in public accounting, Yu-Ting serves and advises a variety of clients. She specializes in cryptocurrency and digital assets tax consultation. Yu-Ting works with closely held businesses and their owners to maximize their tax efficiency and minimize their tax filing stress. She is the Vice Chair of the AICPA Digital Asset Tax Task Force, and a member of Chief, a private network for women in leadership. She earned an MST degree from SJSU.



Erik Weinapple - Partner, Moss Adams

Erik specializes in financial services, blockchain, cryptocurrency, fintech, and real estate. He works with venture capital funds, hedge funds, private equity, miners, token sales, alternative investment funds, and provides tax compliance and consulting services. Erik's focus is mainly on funds, businesses, partnerships, and some high net worth. He helps clients with onshore and offshore U.S. filing requirements and issuance of K-1s. He also supports clients through IRS examinations and has dealt with some of the first crypto-related audits. Professional Affiliations Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Member, Blockchain Accountant Association Member, California Society of Certified Public Accountants Education BA, economics (accounting emphasis), University of California, Santa Barbara



Lawrence Zlatkin - Vice President, Tax, Coinbase

Lawrence Zlatkin is the Vice President, Tax at Coinbase, the leading cryptocurrency exchange in the US and a global market leader. He joined Coinbase in January 2020 and is an active proponent for clarity and dialogue in the tax regulation of the digital asset economy. Lawrence regularly participates in tax policy discussions globally regarding crypto and lectures frequently. Lawrence took on his role at Coinbase following a longstanding career as a senior tax executive at the General Electric Company and as a tax lawyer at a number of global US law firms.

Lawrence is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School (JD) and McGill University (BA) in his native Canada.

