

BIOBANKING – THE NEXT LEVEL



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“LEGAL ISSUES IN BIOBANKING”

Michael Bacina is a partner in Piper Alderman's Blockchain Group and Financial Services and Fintech Group, based in Sydney. Since founding and exiting a successful IT start-up in the early 2000s, Michael has maintained an active involvement in information technology. He is knowledgeable in the workings of, and legal issues surrounding, virtual currencies/crypto-currencies, cryptotokens, blockchain and smart contracts. Michael regularly publishes and speaks on regulatory issues impacting Blockchain internationally (New York, San Francisco and Singapore) and in Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane). He is a board member of the Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce. In 2019 Michael was listed in the Legal500, was made a Fellow of Blockchain Australia, was awarded Blockchain Australia Policymaker/Influencer of the Year and was a Finalist for Blockchain Leader of the Year in 2019 and 2020 was recognised as one of only 4 Band One lawyers in Fintech by the prestigious Chambers & Partners. Michael holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws from Macquarie University and a Masters of Laws from UNSW.

ABSTRACT

Biobanking raises important legal and privacy issues. Blockchain technology may well provide a solution to some of these issues. Michael will discuss how legal risks around biobanking can be addressed using Blockchain principles and some of the existing challenges from a legal perspective to transition into a Blockchain system for biobanking.

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