

Industry experts forming the Committee of Experts that is supporting the Commonwealth Working Group developing the Commonwealth Model Law on Virtual Assets

1. Mr. Rajeshsharma Ramloll

Mr. Rajeshsharma Ramloll, SC is the Solicitor- General at the Attorney-General's Office, Mauritius. He is the Vice-Chairperson of the Financial Services Commission and is a Fellow of the Hon. Society of Advanced Legal Studies (London). He has been a member of the General Council of the International Fiscal Association.

He is a tax assessor of the OECD's Global Forum and is an author of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (Netherlands). He is an Advisory Committee Member of the Foundation for International Taxation (India). He has been a tax treaty negotiator for the last 25 years and has appeared before Courts and Arbitration Tribunals in Mauritius, London, Paris, and Brussels. He has successfully appeared for the Revenue Authority in many landmark cases and in the first Transfer Pricing tax case in Mauritius. He also successfully conducted successfully the first prosecution on money laundering offences in Mauritius.

He has published widely in international tax journals (including the Cahier de Droit International Fiscal) and is on the editorial boards of Global Taxation, International Taxation and Foundation of International Taxation journals. Mr. Ramloll has contributed book chapters to the Offshore World Survey (1998, Sweet and Maxwell) and GAAR General Tax - Anti Avoidance Rules (2021, Thomson Reuters Legal). He conducts Masterclasses in international Taxation at various University faculties and is an examiner for postgraduate courses in taxation.

He holds a specialist LLM in taxation and finance from the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS), Queen Mary University, London.

He is the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Committee of Experts supporting the Commonwealth Working Group developing a Model Law on Virtual Assets.

2. Kokila Alagh

Kokila is a recognised expert in Technology and Corporate Law in the Middle East. She is a thought leader in high-risk tech sectors such as Fintech, Financial Services, Virtual Assets, Gaming, and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

She is renowned for her ability to navigate complex legal systems and simplify nuances. She founded KARM Legal Consultants, an independent law firm that specializes in Emerging Tech, consulting Fintech, Virtual Assets, Data Protection, Artificial Intelligence, and Healthtech, advising multinationals, government, and quasi-government entities within the MENA region.

She is a founding member of the MENA Fintech Association, a Member of the Fintech Working Group Arab Monetary Fund, and a head member of the Regulatory Vertical in Dubai Digital Asset Association (D2A2) - Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy.

She has studied the Oxford Blockchain Strategy Programme, Oxford University, United Kingdom and the Fintech Programme, Harvard Business School. She has a LL.M. in Digital Economy Law, Monash University Australia, and an LL.B (Hons), from Symbiosis Society's Law College, University of Pune - India.

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3. Maxine L Binns

Maxine is a Barrister and Attorney. She specializes in corporate, commercial, estate planning and economic business development.

More recently, she held the position of Legislative Analyst with the Bermuda Government assisting with formulating governmental policies and advancing private and public legislative initiatives. She worked closely with local and international agencies towards enhancing Bermuda's product and service offerings as a premier international financial center, whilst remaining compliant with international standards. Examples of such collaborative efforts resulted in the implementation of Bermuda's economic substance and digital asset business regimes.

She is a former member of both the Human Rights Board of Inquiry and more recently, the Commission of Inquiry into Historic Land Losses in Bermuda.

She read law at the University of Buckingham and BPP Law School and was admitted to both the England and Wales Bar and Bermuda Bar in 2004.

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4. Paul Derham

Paul is the Managing Partner of a leading Australia-based financial services regulatory law firm. The firm advises global crypto/virtual asset groups, payments providers, derivatives issuers and other fintechs.

He's actively involved in financial services and crypto/virtual asset regulatory reforms globally including consulting in person to International Standards-Setting bodies including the Financial Stability Board. He assisted the World Economic Forum in its recommendations on regulation of crypto assets.

He has advised and trained regulators and lawmakers in Australia and overseas on financial services law, and has drafted crypto laws for a Southeast Asian free economic zone.

He has Bachelor of Laws (LL.B Hons) and Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning).

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5. Ankita Dhawan

Ankita works at the intersection of law, technology, and public policy. She has been advising a wide variety of clients on legal and public policy concerns related to emerging technologies.

She is an expert in crypto/web3, financial services, artificial intelligence, competition, data, fintech, e-commerce, international digital trade, among others.

She has advised several virtual assets service providers to enable them obtain regulatory permits. She has also helped big-tech companies in their public policy positions as well as represented them in contentious antitrust enforcement. She has previously served as Counsel to the world's largest search engine, the world's largest e-commerce player, one of the world's largest cab aggregators, and several private equity companies.

Ankita has a Post Graduate Diploma in EU Competition Law, King's College London, a Bachelor of Law (LL.B), University of Delhi, and a Bachelor of Business Studies (Finance), Shaheed Sukhdev, University of Delhi.

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6. Michelle Harwood

Michelle is a lawyer, admitted in Australia (2004) and the United Kingdom (2008). She has previously been a Crown Advocate with the Crown Prosecution Service (United Kingdom) specialising in proceeds of crime. She also served as the Director of Implementation at the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) where she conducted numerous APG Mutual Evaluations, FATF follow up reviews, and focused on countries grey listed under the FATF International Cooperation Review Group (ICRG).

She is presently a financial integrity consultant working with different countries globally on various aspects of AML/CFT implementation, assistance with FATF processes (particularly mutual evaluation and ICRG), related national risk assessments, legal reviews and is engaged as a consultant to the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

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7. Jonathan Hatch

Jonathan is a senior financial services and technology lawyer with nearly two decades experience in compliance, legal and regulatory roles as well as academic positions.

He has advised on a wide range of financial services and associated areas related to the application of new technologies or regulatory regimes in response to emerging technologies and innovation regimes such as sandboxes or innovation support functions like Innovation Hubs. This has been across a spectrum of clients from start-ups to nation states.

Jonathan also has taught via platforms at London School of Economics, University of Sydney and RMIT across a range of areas from Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence, Crypto economics, Information Systems and Automation.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and Management from the University of Sydney and a Master of Law and Legal Practice in Banking, Corporate, Finance, and Securities Law from the University of Technology, Sydney

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8. Loretta Joseph

Loretta is an expert legal advisor with over 25 years' experience in financial services. She has served on Boards and held senior roles in major investment banks across Asia and India, such as RBS (India), Macquarie Group (India), Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse, and Elara Capital (India). Her extensive career has provided her with deep exposure to global financial markets, various asset classes, and emerging market environments.

She has advised various countries including Mauritius, Bermuda, Serbia, and Vanuatu on developing legal and regulatory frameworks for virtual assets. She has also advised the OECD and OSCE and is an expert industry participant in many international standard-setting bodies concerning the adoption of virtual assets. Her contributions in these areas have been pivotal in guiding global policy and regulatory approaches to digital finance. She is the Co-Chair of the International Digital Asset Exchange Association (IDAXA).

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9. Yvan Jean Louis

Yvan Jean is the Assistant Solicitor-General in the Office of the Attorney General, in Mauritius. He previously served as Senior State Counsel and Assistant Parliamentary Counsel. He is the Head of the International Trade Unit at the Attorney-General's Office responsible for international trade, international cooperation in criminal matters (extradition, mutual legal assistance and transfer of prisoners), taxation, financial services, amongst others.

He currently represents the Government of Mauritius on the Board of the Mauritius International Arbitration Centre. He has also served as member of the National Regulatory Sandbox Licensing Committee responsible for licensing fintech start-ups in Mauritius from 2019 to 2021. He is also the Vice-Chairperson of the Financial Services Review Panel which hears appeals against administrative sanctions imposed on licensees of the Financial Services Commission.

Yvan holds an LL.B. (Hons.) from the University of Buckingham and an M.Sc. in Law and Accounting from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting.

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10. Ian Mathews

Ian is a legal expert in financial services, supervisory and beneficial ownership aspects of anti-money laundering (AML) and countering the financing of terrorism (CFT). He previously worked at the Financial Conduct Authority in the UK as a specialist in international AML/CFT matters. He spent 2 years on secondment to the European Commission where he worked on drafting the European Union's Fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive.

He was co-chair of the FATF's Evaluations and Compliance Group, which is responsible for overseeing the conduct of the global mutual evaluation process and is currently a Scientific Expert for the Council of Europe's MONEYVAL Committee.

He has a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from the Manchester Metropolitan University and trained as a Solicitor at the College of Law, York, UK.

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11. Rick McDonell

Rick is the Co-CEO of McDonell-Nadeau and the Executive Director of the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS). Rick is globally renowned for his work as Executive Secretary of the FATF including the FATF's revision of the international AML/CFT/PF Standards, the new Mutual Evaluation methodology covering technical and effectiveness compliance and the expansion of the FATF Global Network to nine FATF-Style Regional Bodies.

Prior to his FATF role, Rick was Chief of the UN Global Program against Money Laundering and is the founder and inaugural Executive Secretary of the Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering. Rick has extensive experience as a prosecutor and investigator leading complex multidisciplinary investigation Task Forces into organised crime cases nationally and internationally.

Rick is a member of the Advisory Board on the Future of Financial Intelligence Sharing and Chair of the Advisory Board, and Adjunct Professor for the Executive Master of Arts in Financial Integrity degree program at Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, USA.

He is a graduate of Monash University, Australia with a BA, LLB and Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law.

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12. Josee Nadeau

Josée Nadeau is a Co-CEO of McDonell-Nadeau. She is also an AML/CFT/PF consultant for the International Monetary Fund and the Asian Development Bank. Josée has extensive knowledge of the FATF standards and methodology including all aspects of the mutual evaluation process, ICRG process, and national risk assessments, as well as extensive hands-on implementation of the standards in countries in all regions of the world.

Josée was head of the Canadian delegation to the FATF and to its regional bodies in the Caribbean, South America and Asia-pacific. Josée led Canada in the FATF'S revision of its AML/CFT standards in 2012, the FATF evaluation of Canada in 2016 and was co-chair of one of the FATF review groups. She has worked with many international and national organisations, including the FATF, OECD, the G7/8, the G20, the UN, Finance Canada, and the Bank of Canada.

Josée is an adjunct professor for the Executive Master Of Arts In Financial Integrity degree program at Case Western Reserve University School Of Law in Cleveland, USA. She is a graduate of the Université De Montréal with a B.Sc and M.Sc in Economics.

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13. Allan Prochazka

Allan Prochazka is Managing Director at McDonnell-Nadeau and has over 15 years' experience providing strategic advice on domestic and international financial sector policy and regulatory matters. He previously worked at the Canadian Department of Finance, where he provided expert advice on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CFT) and capital markets criminal enforcement issues.

Allan previously served as Canada's Head of Delegation to the APG and represented the Government of Canada at the FATF, where he led Canada's engagement in the FATF's ICRG process.

Allan is an experienced assessor having contributed to Mutual Evaluation, Follow-Up and ICRG reports at the FATF and APG. His current areas of focus include working with clients in conducting national and enterprise-wide ML/TF risk assessments and in developing AML/CFT compliance solutions for the virtual asset service provider (VASP) sector.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Business from the Sprott School of Business at Carleton University and a Master's degree in International Affairs from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs.

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14. Joseph Weinberg

Joseph is a digital asset pioneer and the Co-Founder of Shyft Network; the leading Compliance and identity network, which leverages blockchain and smart contract infrastructure to achieve greater standardization and efficiency in regulatory compliance and due diligence mandates. Joseph was a pioneer bitcoin miner, and has helped to progress the virtual asset industry forward while also advocating for sound policy and regulatory requirements globally.

Joseph serves as an advisor to the OECD, Financial Action Task Force, governments & regulatory bodies globally. Through his work at the OECD, Joseph is helping draft global policies for the G7 & G20 councils and drafted the first digital asset regulations globally. Joseph is also an active role as advisor for the Ontario Securities Commission and the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada.

Joseph is the co-founder and CEO of Paycase Financial, a value network and trust-ware provider for decentralized financial services.

Prior to pioneering the first companies in the digital asset ecosystem, Joseph worked in roles at both Xtreme Labs and Pivotal Inc., building some of the largest mobile applications currently in use around the world today including: Uber, Facebook, Airbnb, and more.

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