

Gavin Fearey

Of Counsel

Practices: Corporate, Securities/M&A; Fintech, Cryptocurrencies & Emerging Technologies

Industries: Commodity Pools; Hedge Funds; Investment Management & Private Funds; Private Equity Funds

Gavin Fearey is a member of Winstead's Corporate, Securities/Mergers & Acquisitions Practice Group and the firm's Investment Management & Private Funds Industry Group.

Over the past 5 years, Gavin has counseled investment managers, public companies, bitcoin 'hodlers', bitcoin custody and infrastructure providers, digital asset platforms and other businesses active in the cryptocurrency space or exploring blockchain opportunities such as decentralized finance (DeFi) or non-fungible tokens (NFTs). He is a frequent speaker on U.S. regulatory considerations for investment in bitcoin or other digital assets.

Gavin also counsels private investment fund managers and entrepreneurs in structuring transactions and navigating compliance issues related to the Commodity Exchange Act and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. He brings more than 22 years of corporate, investment funds and regulatory compliance experience.

Gavin has extensive experience in launching and advising investment managers on commodity pools, hedge funds, private equity funds, venture capital funds, funds of funds and other investment vehicles. He regularly counsels managers on corporate, disclosure and regulatory issues.

Serving as an in-house counsel in Texas, Gavin advised on securities and commodities law issues relating to managed accounts and the private offering of managed futures funds. He developed a deep understanding of compliance issues for commodity pool operators (CPOs) and commodity trading advisors (CTAs) trading in numerous currency, commodity futures and other derivative markets.

Gavin is the co-author of Winstead's [Investment Insights Blog](#).

Professional & Community Service

- Texas Blockchain Council, Corporate Member
- DFW Compliance Roundtable, Steering Committee Member
- The Wall Street Blockchain Alliance, Member of Legal Working Group
- American Bar Association, Innovative Digital Products & Processes Subcommittee; Derivatives & Futures Law Committee
- State Bar of Texas, Blockchain Committee; Business Law Section
- #SmartCustody: Simple Cold Storage & Self-Custody Workshop by Blockchain Commons, Sponsor
- Observer to the Uniform Law Commission's Virtual Currency Customer Protection Drafting Committee

Awards & Recognition



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Education

Northwestern University School of Law

– J.D., 1999

University of Michigan

– M.S.I.S., 1997

Principia College

– B.B.A., 1994

- Tarrant County's Top Attorneys, *Fort Worth*, Texas, 2021-2022

Admissions

- Texas, 2012
- Illinois, 2000