

Sectors

Technology and Web3



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"The firm delivers an excellent service and demonstrates accuracy and specialist knowledge."

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Who we are

An agile business, anticipating fundamental changes in our clients' needs.

Ogier provides practical advice on a unique combination of six laws: BVI, Cayman, Guernsey, Ireland, Jersey and Luxembourg. Our global network covers Asian, European and US time zones.

Legal services for the corporate and financial sectors form the core of our business, principally in the areas of banking and finance, corporate, investment funds, dispute resolution, private equity and private wealth. We also have strong practices in the areas of employee benefits and incentives, employment law, regulatory, restructuring and corporate recovery and property.

Our corporate and fiduciary services division, Ogier Global, works closely with Ogier's partner-led legal teams to incorporate and administer a wide variety of vehicles, including public and private companies, partnerships and trusts.

Our consulting professionals provide independent guidance spanning advice and training to implementation and evaluation across sustainable investing, regulatory and virtual asset compliance. Ogier Regulatory Consulting delivers tailored advice to meet clients' specific needs, delivering flexible solutions and support.

Where we are

With professionals based in Asia, the Americas and Europe, we are able to provide global coverage across all time zones.

Our approach

We get straight to the point, managing complexity to get to the essentials. Our clients enjoy the benefits of being able to build long-term, personal relationships across our legal, administration and consulting teams and working with a single service provider who is able to support their commercial objectives.

Supported by market-leading technology, Ogier Global's interactive entity administration platform and client service portal, Ogier Connect, gives clients real time access to statutory information and documents.



Works seamlessly with
our team and has great
knowledge of the law
and industry.
Very client-focused.
Legal 500 Caribbean, 2022



Blockchain, cryptocurrencies, Web3

What we do



The Ogier team has an incredible range of knowledge, skills and abilities.

Chambers Fintech Guide, 2024

Innovative technologies are revolutionising not just financial services but the way we live, interact and do business generally.

Our global specialists have considerable experience navigating this complex space, helping clients match the pace of development by offering practical solutions. We also provide truly expert advice in relation to digital assets where our best-in-class disputes and litigation practices leverage our unparalleled experience in this area to advise clients in some of the highest profile disputes and recoveries.

At Ogier, we have experts across our jurisdictions, including Hong Kong, Jersey, Guernsey, Ireland, British Virgin Islands (BVI), Cayman and Luxembourg. We cover the Web3 landscape, advising on decentralised autonomous organisations (DAOs), decentralised finance protocols (DeFi) and the fintech space generally.

We have established ourselves as the market leader in the Cayman Islands and BVI for creating and implementing a variety of innovative and regulatory compliant structures and our global teams are fully engaged with local authorities to help steer the future regulatory landscape.

Our global, multijurisdictional approach brings together our sector-leading legal, corporate, and consulting practices. Our range of Technology and Web3 services differ across our jurisdictions and target markets, but collectively our dedicated Ogier team will offer clients exceptional market insight, whatever your diverse needs, servicing:

- regulatory and compliance
- structuring and formation
- financing
- intellectual property and commercial matters
- local legal services
- consulting services (blockchain analytics/virtual asset AML compliance)
- trusts and estate planning (for founders/principals)
- restructuring and corporate recovery
- dispute resolution



Intelligent, practical,
responsive, and easy to
work with.
Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023



Our services

DAOs and DeFi

We use flexible and innovative structures to help launch and support new DAOs, including advising on the formation of Cayman Islands' foundation companies and advising existing operational DAOs and other governance models.

We can assist with DeFi projects such as decentralised exchanges and other decentralised protocols and financial platforms.

Virtual asset regulations

Our global team offers cross-border advice on evolving regulation for virtual asset service providers (VASPs) and can assist VASPs, including trading platforms and exchanges, wallet providers and custodians in obtaining registration or licensing to conduct virtual asset services, as well as token issuances in relevant jurisdictions.

Drafting

We can draft or review the documents needed for your project including SAFTs, SAFEs, token purchase agreements, warrants and options grants, fund documents, incentive schemes, service and contractor agreements, and website terms and conditions.

Fundraising for Web3 projects

We assist with a variety of fundraising activities, including private and seed-round fundraising for token launches, raising capital via simple agreements for future tokens/equities (SAFEs and SAFTs), as well as subsequent token launches and series financing. We can also assist with the listing of security tokens on stock exchanges.

Intellectual property

We advise on all aspects of intellectual property for Web3 and traditional tech, including trade marks, copyrights, industrial designs and patents, as well as specialising in multi-jurisdictional IP clearance, prosecution, exploitation and enforcement. In addition, we provide advice on IP acquisitions, due diligence and transfers, together with drafting and reviewing licensing arrangements and IP commercial contracts.


Investment structures and virtual asset funds

We advise crypto fund managers, from crypto natives to traditional fund managers, with all aspects of a fund launch, from structuring to regulatory matters. We have extensive experience in advising fund managers on the peculiar aspects of a crypto fund launch, including crypto subscriptions and redemptions and valuation of crypto assets.

We work with fund administrators, auditors, brokers, custodians, professional directors and, through Ogier Regulatory Consulting, crypto AML compliance and regulatory experts to help you steer through the fund launch process.

We advise on the most suitable vehicle for your project and, if necessary, can provide cross-jurisdictional advice for your fund launch. Whether launching funds to invest directly or indirectly in digital assets, we offer expertise tailored to clients' specialised needs.

Chris Wall
Partner, Cayman Islands

 Key Lawyer
Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023



Our services



We found Ogier to be the standout for FinTech work. Chambers Fintech Guide, 2024

Physical presence

We can help set up or relocate your technology and Web3 business (including blockchain developers, as well as VASPs) and support on building a physical presence in the Cayman Islands, including as a special economic zone company or as a sponsored enterprise with TechCayman.

Regulatory

We carry out an in-depth analysis of your project and provide a full written memorandum of advice. We work with regulators to get your project, your fund or your business entity regulated, if appropriate and necessary.

Structuring

We advise on the most suitable vehicle for your project and, if necessary, can provide cross-jurisdictional advice for the most appropriate structure. We work with formation agents, AML compliance firms, fund administrators, auditors, secretaries, directors, supervisors and other service providers to achieve your objectives.

Tokenisation and blockchain

We can assist with the tokenisation of real estate, fund interests, other security interests and other real-world assets including precious metals. We advise on all stages of token offerings, including issuance, private sales, airdrops and grants of tokens and NFTs.

Dispute resolution

We provide advice and assistance at every stage of a dispute, including providing crisis management assistance and strategic communications advice from the outset. We have significant experience in all contentious matters, including representing clients affected by liquidation events such as the collapse of Three Arrows and FTX.

Our experts are able to provide advice from the very beginning of a dispute, through to providing representation during any court or arbitration process.

Bill Chiang
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Our Corporate Services team works with leading financial institutions, investment managers, corporations and their advisers across a range of industry sectors including funds and investment management, energy and natural resources, real estate, telecommunications, media and technology, infrastructure and healthcare.



Ogier Regulatory Consulting

Clients need proactive regulatory, compliance and AML consultancy services to help identify, manage and respond to issues even before they arise. At Ogier Regulatory Consulting, we have expertise in regulatory requirements, drawing on experience as regulators, advisors, policy makers and practitioner compliance officers.

We also have in-house expertise that allow us to provide the following virtual asset related services:

- Investigations: We assist with establishing virtual asset AML controls and are experienced in performing multi-jurisdictional blockchain investigations
- Blockchain analytics: Our team are experienced with various blockchain analytics tools for investigative purposes
- Virtual assets/decentralised finance AML compliance, risk reporting and audits: We perform effectiveness reviews of existing AML controls for transactions in both fiat and virtual assets
- Training: Our team can provide training on national and international regulatory frameworks, and current themes involving virtual assets. Training can be provided for those experienced in virtual assets or for those requiring an introduction to the digital ecosystem
- Remediation and monitoring: We identify applicable regulatory requirements, guidance and best practice enabling us to assist with effective monitoring, and reporting. We can also assist with the implementation of recommendations

Working alongside Ogier's global team of regulatory law specialists, our compliance consulting advice is seamless, high quality and cost effective. With our international team of regulatory lawyers advising on which and how laws must be complied with, our compliance consultants advise on the operational implementation of programmes to meet those legal requirements.

For many financial services clients our advice begins with a needs assessment and review of the client's latest risk assessments. In conjunction with Ogier's regulatory legal team we can identify applicable regulatory requirements and the appropriate course of action. We then facilitate the approval of the work required by those responsible for governance. We can be engaged in the discharge of those action points or return at a future time to review the completion, reporting any further recommendations.



We bring together our expertise in regulatory requirements and expectations, practical implementation, commercial understanding and lean thinking, in order to provide tailored and effective solutions for your business.



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Legal: practical advice on BVI, Cayman, Guernsey, Irish, Jersey and Luxembourg law.

Corporate and Fiduciary: corporate administration services with a strong reputation in governance and regulatory compliance.

Consulting: independent guidance on regulatory compliance and tech.

Our network of locations also includes Beijing, Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Shanghai, Singapore and Tokyo. Regulatory information can be found at ogier.com.