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Iñaki's dual practice focuses on securities registrant regulation, investment management and compliance matters, and on general corporate matters, corporate governance, mergers & acquisitions, and venture capital and private equity transactions.

He provides regulatory advice on topics such as emerging digital assets and financial services products, including cryptocurrencies, crypto asset trading platforms and blockchain, and has advised digital asset companies and other securities market participants on Canadian registration requirements and compliance. Additionally, he has helped digital asset companies become publicly listed in Canada.

Iñaki is a member of the firm's [Cryptocurrency & Blockchain's group](#). He competed as a race walker, representing Canada at major international sporting events, including the 2012 London and 2016 Rio Olympic Games, the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto, and World Athletics' (formerly, the International Association of Athletics Federations) World Athletics Championships. Since his retirement from competition, he has remained an athlete advocate in the sport community, taking on leadership roles at various levels of national and international sport.

Experience

- Advising and preparing applications on behalf of foreign and domestic securities market participants in respect of carrying on business in Canada and seeking registration as dealers, advisers and/or investment fund managers under provincial securities legislation, including participants in the digital assets space and crypto asset trading platforms.

- Acted for WonderFi Technologies Inc. (and DeFi Ventures Inc.) in its reverse takeover acquisition of Austpro Energy Corporation (renamed "WonderFi Technologies Inc."), and on DeFi Ventures Inc.'s brokered private placement through subscription receipt financing for over \$17.7 million.
- Acted for EverGen Infrastructure Corp., a renewable gas infrastructure platform, in its \$20.1 million initial public offering and listing on the TSX Venture Exchange.
- Acted for Craft Ventures in connection with a \$15 million Series A preferred share investment in the competitive intelligence platform Klue Labs Inc.
- Allied Hotel Properties Inc. (TSX: AHP) in its \$102 million acquisition by DVP Hotel Development LP.
- Acted for First Coin Capital Corp. in its merger transaction with Galaxy Digital and Bradmer Pharmaceuticals Inc.
- Represented First Block Capital Inc. in its registration as an investment fund manager and an exempt market dealer in order to operate a bitcoin investment fund (the first registration of an investment fund manager in Canada solely dedicated to cryptocurrency investments).
- Acted for dealers, portfolio managers and investment fund managers with respect to registration and ongoing securities regulatory and compliance matters, including developing, reviewing and assessing compliance procedures and practices.
- Acted for Canadian-based investment fund managers in the continuous offering of retail investment funds in Canada.

Insights & Events

- Author, "BLG Represents First Bitcoin Market Participant to be Approved by Canadian Securities Administrators", BLG Article, September 2017
- Author, "CSA seeks comments on proposed amendments to public crypto asset fund rules", BLG Article, February 2024
- Author, "Crypto asset trading platforms – Terms and conditions for trading VRCAs (stablecoins)", BLG Article, October 2023
- Author, "CSA publishes guidance on Public Crypto Funds – What fund managers need to know", BLG Article, August 2023
- Author, "Crypto asset trading platforms – Changes to pre-registration undertaking requirements in the post FTX-era", BLG Article, February 2023
- Author, "Recent developments in the digital assets space", BLG Article, August 2022
- Author, "Crypto alternative trading system: Notice of operations and request for comment", BLG Article, June 2022
- Author, "Cryptocurrency outlook in Canada – Where we are and where we are going", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Registered and unregistered crypto asset trading platforms must comply with advertising and marketing rules", BLG Article, October 2021
- Author, "Countdown to April 19: crypto trading platforms need to comply", BLG Article, April 2021
- Author, "Crypto Asset Issuer Guidance from the CSA – The information investors need", BLG Article, March 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of British Columbia

Community Involvement

- Director (Athlete Representative), Canadian Olympic Committee's Board of Directors, 2020-present
- Member, World Athletics Governance Commission, 2020-present
- Member, World Athletics Athletes' Commission, 2017-2022 (former Chair, 2017-2019)
- Member, Canadian Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission, 2016-present
- Director, Athletics Canada, 2014-2018
- Volunteer, BLG Business Venture Clinic

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2017
- JD, University of Calgary, 2015
- BA (international relations), University of British Columbia, 2011

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