

Virtual Policy Seminar on Agentic Trading and the Future of AI in Markets

Program Agenda

via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

9:00am (EDT)¹

Welcoming Remarks:

- [Jon Ondrejko](#) (Executive Director of Programs at PIFS)

9:00am – 10:00am (EDT)

Moderated Discussion:

- [Kevin Johnson](#) (Vice President of Institutional Sales and Trading at Coinbase)
- [Lewis Rinaudo Cohen](#) (Partner at Cahill and Co-Chair of Cahill NXT)
- [Sam Gaer](#) (Chief Investment Officer at Monarq Asset Management and former Chief Information Officer at FINRA)
- Moderated by [John Gulliver](#) (Executive Director of PIFS)

[Discussion is Subject to Chatham House Rules]

¹ Program Times: This agenda reflects times in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT, or UTC-4:00).

Speaker Biographies

Kevin Johnson

Vice President of Institutional Sales and Trading at Coinbase

Kevin Johnson is a Vice President for Coinbase's Institutional Sales and Trading team overseeing the firm's Specialty Sales division covering developers and protocols. Previously, he ran the firm's Trading and Trading Operations teams. Prior to joining Coinbase, Kevin was COO of the crypto prime broker Tagomi, which Coinbase acquired in 2020. He has also held various technical and management positions at Citadel, Two Sigma and Getco/KCG across an 18 year career in financial services.

Lewis Rinaudo Cohen

Partner at Cahill and Co-Chair of Cahill NXT

Lewis Rinaudo Cohen, who is widely regarded as one of the leading crypto native lawyers and thought leaders in the world, is the Co-Chair of CahillNXT, Cahill's globally recognized Digital Assets and Emerging Technology practice. Clients interviewed by *Chambers* — where Lewis has consistently been ranked for years as among the top “Band 1” blockchain lawyers in the United States — have described Lewis as a “legend in the blockchain legal sector.”

Lewis helps clients successfully navigate their most challenging transactions and regulatory compliance matters involving bleeding edge uses of blockchain technology, crypto assets, and tokenization across all aspects of the capital markets. His work frequently involves transformational cross-border fundraisings and deals across a wide array of global economic activities.

With the emergence of distributed ledger technology in 2009, Lewis, early on, identified the important role this technology would play across not only the financial markets, but virtually all aspects of the commercial landscape. He then quickly dedicated himself to advising clients in this vital area. Lewis regularly represents a wide range of high-profile blockchain development companies, foundations supporting major blockchain protocol communities, and a range of Tier 1 marketplace operators, trading firms, and other intermediaries active in the crypto asset space, with a particular focus on the complex work of structuring and launching new blockchain protocols, networks, and related crypto assets.

Lewis also brings his career-long experience advising traditional financial institutions and Fortune 500 companies on initial public equity and debt

offerings and a wide range of securitization and other structured financing transactions to the emerging area of the “tokenization” of so-called “real world assets” (RWAs), a practice requiring deep knowledge of both traditional financial regulation and the rapidly changing world of blockchain regulation.



Lewis is a frequent public speaker and an influential thought leader on the topic of blockchain technology, crypto assets, and financial markets. He is regularly sought out by senior regulatory officials, legislators, and media reporters in the United States, Caribbean islands, Europe, and Asia seeking to understand how crypto assets and associated blockchain technology should be regulated.

Prior to joining CahillNXT, Lewis co-founded and ran one of the leading boutique law firms focused on blockchain technology, and was also a corporate partner in the New York offices of two AmLaw Global 25 firms.

Sam Gaer

Chief Investment Officer at Monarq Asset Management and former Chief Information Officer at FINRA

Sam Gaer is a markets, technology and investment executive with more than three decades of experience across electronic trading, quantitative investing, digital assets, financial technology and artificial intelligence. He is Chief Investment Officer at Monarq Asset Management, where he runs the firm's directional strategy and has become the firm's authority on AI, including its application to investment research, governance and risk management.

Previously, Sam co-managed BlockTower Capital's flagship fund and founded Katana Financial, a quantitative high frequency trading firm. Earlier, he served as EVP and Chief Information Officer of NYMEX and FINRA as well as CEO of NYMEX Europe. At NYMEX, he helped lead the exchange's transition to electronic trading, its IPO and its eventual sale to CME Group.

Sam received his B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and has held numerous industry and advisory roles, including serving on the CFTC Technology Advisory Committee, as Global Vice Chairman of FIX Protocol, and as an advisor to General Atlantic

John Gulliver

Executive Director of PIFS

John Gulliver leads the Program on International Financial Systems (PIFS) as Executive Director, partnering with Harvard Law School and other institutions on events and executive education programs worldwide that reach thousands of government officials at securities regulators and central banks each year. He is also Executive Director of the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation (CCMR), where he leads the Committee's work to shape U.S. financial policy and represents the views of its members, including more than 40 leading global financial institutions, former policymakers, and academics. Gulliver also serves as an executive member of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Investor Advisory Committee, established by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act. He has testified before the U.S. House Committee on Financial Services; his work has been published in The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, The New York Times, and Bloomberg; and he has appeared on CNBC. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the University of Manitoba.

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