

THE REVIEW OF BANKING & FINANCIAL LAW'S SYMPOSIUM: THE LAW OF FINTECH

The *Review of Banking & Financial Law*, in partnership with the Center for Finance, Law, and Policy, held its Symposium, The Law of FinTech on February 27, 2017 at Boston University School of Law. The Symposium brought together over one hundred leading academics, practitioners, regulators, and students to explore the world of FinTech law and regulation. The term “FinTech” broadly describes financial innovations that utilize both the advanced technologies and the disruption mindset of startup companies. The financial industry has proven difficult to disrupt, as incumbents hold a huge advantage in their ability to navigate strict financial laws and regulations. Lawmakers are struggling to make room in the financial sector for young companies, while working to protect consumers and avoid financial crises.

At the Symposium, panels of experts discussed these issues as they pertain to four specific areas of FinTech: (1) blockchain technology, (2) dynamic regulation, (3) robo-advising, and (4) digital banking.

The Keynote Address was provided by Jason Oxman, Chief Executive Officer of the Electronic Transactions Association. Mr. Oxman, who works extensively with lawmakers in Washington, D.C., spoke on the latest developments in federal FinTech law and gave his predictions on where these developments may lead.

This issue of the *Review* features scholarly work presented at the Symposium. Articles are authored by panelists Wulf A. Kaal, John L. Douglas, and Angela Walch.

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