

# Blockchain: *Interoperability, Scalability, Bitcoin Impact & Latest Developments & Challenges*

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Blockchain: What has become a driving issue is interoperability and scalability - critical to set industry standards that ensure the protocols work together. With both the CBOE and CME implementing bitcoin trading and the continued acceptance of cryptocurrencies and along with that the many, many possibilities of blockchain technology, it is becoming ever more urgent to understand what needs to be in place to assure a successful outcome.

Following on from our past events, this panel addresses the need to know issues now. Join us in **Chicago in January**— these After the Bell events are not recorded so to get the most out of them – be there!

**Event Schedule – Tuesday, January 30, 2018**

**5:45 pm Registration**

**6:15 pm Panel Discussion Begins; Issues addressed include:**

- CBOE & CME & Bitcoin Futures Trading: Where are we at and how does that affect blockchain? Will other cryptocurrencies be added in the future?
- ICOs - is their time over or just beginning?
- Implementation of blockchain: Real use cases
- Regulatory issues: How do you maintain anonymity while creating regulations based around transparency?
- Analyzing overall risk

**Panelists:**

Alexandra Prodromos, Research & Marketing Strategist, **Bloq, Inc.**

Franck Mikulecz, Managing Director, **FXCLR**

Jennifer M. O'Rourke, Illinois Blockchain Business Liaison /Assistant Deputy Director - Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology, **State of Illinois**

James Radecki, Global Head of Business Development at **Cumberland, DRW**

Luke Sully, Advisor, **Kowala Inc.** & former 1<sup>st</sup> Global Blockchain Lead for Security, **IBM**

Sean Ristau, Director of Exchange Integration & Education, **Bcause**

**Facilitator:** Stacey Mankoff, Managing Principal, **The Mankoff Company** & Founder, **After the Bell Events**

**7:15 pm: Networking Reception**

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