



Kristin Smith

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BLOCKCHAIN ASSOCIATION

Kristin is the Executive Director of the Blockchain Association, the Washington DC-based trade association representing more than 80 of the industry's leading companies. Kristin serves as a liaison between policymakers and the cryptocurrency industry to assist in the creation of legislation and regulation that promotes the growth of the cryptocurrency ecosystem in the U.S.

She is also a leading, public voice advocating for the cryptocurrency and blockchain industry through top-tier media interviews, op-eds and letters to the editor, and global speaking engagements. Kristin is a renowned voice for the industry, having been featured on [Fortune's](#) 2020 40 under 40 list, [CoinDesk's](#) 2021 50 people who defined the year in crypto, and [CoinTelegraph's](#) 2022 top 100 Influencers in Crypto and Blockchain.

Prior to leading the Blockchain Association, Kristin helped blockchain and technology companies achieve their public policy objectives in Washington. She served as a Senate and congressional aide on Capitol Hill for nearly ten years, much of which was spent focusing on technology policy. Kristin is a board member of the Filecoin Foundation for the Decentralized Web, Skybridge Capital's G and GII Funds, the Flow Foundation, and Prime Trust.

About the Blockchain Association:

The Blockchain Association is the unified voice of the cryptocurrency industry. Our members include the sector's leading investors, companies, projects, and protocols, working together to support a future-forward, pro-innovation national policy and regulatory framework for the crypto economy.

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Broadcast Media

- [CNBC](#) - Kristin joins Squawk Box to break down what's causing a divergence between cryptocurrencies and crypto-related stocks - 4/20/22
- [Yahoo Finance](#) - Kristin Smith joins Yahoo Finance Live to discuss crypto regulatory issues, bitcoin mining, investments, and looking to states to legislate around the blockchain - 4/12/22
- [Bloomberg](#) - Kristin joins Emily Chang on Bloomberg Technology's Crypto Report for a deep dive on what influence Elon Musk can have on Twitter's crypto aspirations - 4/5/22

- [CoinDesk](#) - Kristin joins "First Mover" to weigh in on the impact of President Biden's executive order on digital assets - 3/9/22
- [Bloomberg](#) - Kristin joins Emily Chang on "Bloomberg Technology" to discuss how 2021 was a turning point for crypto and its mainstream adoption - 1/10/22
- [Bloomberg](#) - Kristin talks about how regulation from Washington could impact cryptocurrencies - 10/12/21
- [CoinDesk](#) - Kristin shares her insights into the impact of the Infrastructure Bill - 10/8/21
- [Yahoo Finance](#) - The Future of Crypto - 9/27/21
- [CNBC](#) - Blockchain Association's Smith on why she doesn't expect a bitcoin ETF anytime soon - 8/3/21

Op-eds & Letters to the Editor

- [Blockworks](#) - *Crypto Mining Ban Will Hurt New York and Our Environment* - 4/26/22
- [CoinDesk](#) - *President Biden's Crypto Order Is a Huge Step Forward for the Industry* - 3/9/22
- [Entrepreneur](#) - *How Startups Can Help Shape Regulatory Policy* - 1/28/22
- [The Block](#) - *Crypto lobbying kicked into high gear this year* - 12/29/21
- [Coindesk](#) - *Crypto is too Big for Partisan Politics* - 10/18/21

Media Clips

- [Protocol](#) - *How the Ukraine war jolted the crypto lobby* - 3/14/22
- [TIME](#) - *Why Most Crypto Backers Are Excited That the Biden Administration Is Wading Into Digital Currency* - 3/10/22
- [Protocol](#) - *Biden's crypto order resets the regulatory debate* - 3/10/22
- [Reuters](#) - *Crypto industry on defensive as Ukraine crisis spotlights Russia sanctions compliance* - 3/10/22
- [New York Times](#) - *Biden Takes Step Toward Regulating Cryptocurrencies* - 3/9/22
- [CoinTelegraph](#) - *Crypto industry seeks to educate, influence US lawmakers as it faces increasing regulation* - 3/5/22
- [Politico](#) - *Trucker crypto crackdown in Canada fuels GOP backlash in U.S.* - 2/28/22
- [Washington Post](#) - *As the Fed considers minting the first digital dollar, it is tapping experts from a crypto company with a stake in the outcome* - 2/23/22
- [CoinDesk](#) - *Crypto Tax Compliance Remains Minefield as IRS Leaves Key Questions Unresolved* - 2/23/22
- [Forbes](#) - *Will Circle And Tether Reign Supreme? Federal Reserve Predicts Stablecoin Issuer Duopoly* - 2/19/22
- [Bloomberg](#) - *You Get the Crypto Rules You Pay For* - 2/15/22
- [Bloomberg](#) - *BlockFi Submitting to Rules Shows SEC Tightening Grip on Crypto* - 2/14/22
- [Roll Call](#) - *Crypto industry poised to play larger role in midterm campaigns* - 2/8/22
- [Forbes](#) - *Congress Introduces A Radical Crypto Bill To 'Unleash Innovation' As The Price Of Bitcoin And Ethereum Suddenly Soar* - 2/5/22

Events

- [Australian Blockchain Week 2022](#)
- [Filecoin Foundation Decentralized Web Gateway](#): “The Evolution of Web2 to Web3
- [SXSW 2022](#) - Kristin joins the event “The New Internet: Web3 and Changing Internet Policy”
- [ETHDenver 2022](#) - Gave the presentation, “How to Mobilize and Achieve Smart Policy in Washington”
- [CES](#) - Touched on the growth and evolution of cryptocurrency during “Decoding the Regulatory, Technical Aspects of Crypto”
- [Money 20/20](#) - Speaker at “Can TradFi Data Help DeFi Become Mainstream?”
- [SALT 2021](#) - Moderator for the event “How Crypto Changes Everything: the Future of Finance and Culture