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Blockchain technology is developing as a powerful tool for recording, sharing, and securing data of all types. Originally conceived in 2008 as the ledger that underpins the cryptocurrency bitcoin, the technology has advanced in many ways since then and is being implemented to record transactions of all types. Companies of various sizes—from start-ups to Fortune 500--and across all industries are exploring how to use this new technology to improve their business. As they do so, they confront novel technological, legal, and business challenges that require thoughtful and innovative solutions from experienced industry experts along with blockchain research being conducted by universities.

**Mission**

The mission of the Blockchain Forum is to bring together business, legal and university leaders to learn from each other about blockchain technology and encourage its growth in North Texas.

**Audience**

The Blockchain Forum seeks to attract a diverse group of students, educators, researchers, lawyers, business professionals, and entrepreneurs who share an interest in blockchain technology and its applications. This will include people with background or interest in technology, law, and business.

**Sponsorship**

The target list of sponsors should be firms with a business presence in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, who have a stake in the Blockchain industry, and who are seeking value from both small and large companies engaged in the enterprise.

**Programs** Programs will be held quarterly in a Lunch and Learn format at firms around the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The committee also plans to use our monthly committee meetings to discuss substantive technological, legal, and business issues related to blockchain technology.