

Our Blockchain Patent Prosecution Capabilities

“Our patent portfolio represents a formative leap in blockchain innovation,” said Dave Sikora, CEO at ALTR. “Pillsbury has been instrumental in our efforts to protect our application of the technology to existing enterprise networks.”

If you want to gauge how transformative a new technology may be, look to the patent office. According to Bloomberg Law, the PTO “has published nearly 700 blockchain-related applications it received between January 2011 and April 30” of 2018. During that period, the “office has granted 70 patents on blockchain technology.” As the number of blockchain-related patent filings continue to spike—the last few years has seen the number of filings more than triple from previous years—industry leaders and new arrivals alike are looking to the ledger—and to Pillsbury’s acclaimed Intellectual Property team.

Named one of the top 10 most innovative law firms in North America for our blockchain industry work, Pillsbury’s lawyers helped to establish the Delaware Blockchain Initiative, testified to subcommittees of the Senate Banking Committee regarding regulatory implications of Bitcoin, and have advised some of the leading players in the distributed ledger technology (DLT) sector in structuring first-in-kind counterparty relationships with leading financial institutions seeking to adopt distributed ledger solutions. Pillsbury was responsible for helping clients successfully apply for more than 10% of the 117 patents issued in 2018 involving the term “blockchain.”

Our IP team has been filing blockchain patents since 2015. In that time, we’ve filed more than 70 blockchain patents and obtained more than 15 blockchain patents for clients in the cybersecurity, software and data marketplace industries.

Representative experience:

- Helping a well-funded startup in the cybersecurity arena file for patents that utilize blockchain technology to build a platform for greater data security.
- Providing comprehensive industry intelligence, technology analysis, and IP risk assessment for clients considering deploying blockchain or DLT.

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