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Brian Klein is a partner at the Los Angeles-based litigation boutique Waymaker and a former federal prosecutor with one of the nation's leading cryptocurrency litigation practices. He has been representing clients in the industry since 2013 and has handled dozens upon dozens of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), and U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") matters around the country. This includes representing Block.one, which raised \$4 billion through a token sale (the largest ever), in its SEC settlement for which it paid a \$24 million penalty and defending a prominent Ethereum evangelist who was charged in the Southern District of New York with sanctions violations for participating in a conference in North Korea. Among his notable recent cases are representing Kraken, a leading digital token trading platform, in its settlement with the SEC in connection with its U.S. on-chain staking program, and defending Avraham Eisenberg against charges brought by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, as well as the SEC and CFTC, for allegedly making \$110 million one day last October through purported manipulation of the DeFi blockchain trading protocol Mango Markets. Mr. Klein contributes to the national legal dialogue as the chair and founder of the American Bar Association's Blockchain and Digital Currency National Institute, which is hosting its eighth annual event this September.