



## CRYPTOCURRENCY & BLOCKCHAIN LITIGATION TRACKER

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	Case	Judgment Date	Summary
1.	<a href="#">Vorotyntseva v Money-4 Ltd (t/a Nebeus.com) [2018] EWHC 2596 (Ch)</a>	28 September 2018	Amid a real risk of dissipation, a proprietary freezing order was granted against a company and its directors in respect of Bitcoin and Ethereum, worth £1.5 million, which the claimant had given to the defendants.
2.	<a href="#">Ang v Reliantco Investments Ltd [2019] EWHC 879 (Comm)</a>	12 April 2019	The High Court's jurisdiction to try a claim against a defendant cryptocurrency trading platform incorporated in Cyprus, which had blocked the account of a claimant, habitually resident in England, who sought compensation for the loss of her open Bitcoin positions, was unsuccessfully challenged.
3.	<a href="#">Wright v Ver [2019] EWHC 2094 (QB)</a>	31 July 2019	The High Court did not have jurisdiction to hear a libel claim brought by the allegedly proclaimed bitcoin creator against the defendant, a well-known bitcoin investor and promoter. The defendant, a US national, was not domiciled in the UK or a Member State, and England and Wales was held not be the most appropriate forum for the claim.
4.	<a href="#">Wright v Granath [2020] EWHC 51 (QB)</a>	16 January 2020	In another libel claim over the disputed identity of "Satoshi Nakamoto", the High Court declined jurisdiction where the defendant, who lived in Norway, had already brought proceedings there for a declaration that he was not liable to pay damages to the claimant for libel. The two sets of proceedings had a substantial overlap with the effect that under

			Article 27 of the Lugano Convention, jurisdiction rested with the Norwegian court. There is an outstanding appeal to the English Court of Appeal.
5.	<a href="#">AA v Persons Unknown [2019] EWHC 3556 (Comm)</a>	17 January 2020	This decision highlights the welcome clarity on the status of cryptoassets in English law, and the court's reliance on the <a href="#">UK Jurisdictional Taskforce statement</a> . Bitcoin is a form of property, capable of being subject to a proprietary and/or freezing injunction.
6.	<a href="#">Wright v Ver [2020] EWCA Civ 672</a>	29 May 2020	This is an appeal of the decision from section 3 above that the English court has no jurisdiction to hear the libel claim of claimant, an Australian national who had lived in the UK since 2015 and who had claimed to be the identity behind "Satoshi Nakamoto". The appeal was dismissed but the decision contains a useful non-exhaustive list of factors that the court would consider under s.9 of the Defamation Act 2013 for the purposes of determining whether England and Wales is the most appropriate place in which to bring an action.
7.	Onfido v Blockchain [2020] 6 WLUK 256	18 June 2020	Application for summary judgment by a company providing ID verification services was granted in part against a company dealing in cryptocurrency. The main dispute concerned issues on payment of outstanding invoices and the quality of ID verification services provided.
8.	CR-2020-000287 GPay LTD	23 June 2020	Cryptocurrency trading platform, GPay, was ordered to be wound up in the public interest before Deputy Insolvency & Companies Court Judge Baister. BEIS's petition was not contested. Official press release is available <a href="#">here</a> .