

## Partner Benjamin Bathgate appears on *Deminor Litigation Funding* podcast to discuss digital assets, fraud recovery and litigation finance

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Partner Benjamin Bathgate, Chair of WeirFoulds' Commercial Litigation Practice Group and Co-Chair of the firm's Blockchain and Digital Assets Practice Group, recently appeared on the *Deminor Litigation Funding* podcast, which interviews global professionals to share their perspectives on different aspects of dispute resolution and litigation funding. The episode, titled "The Hunt for Crypto: How Digital Assets Are Transforming Fraud Recovery and Litigation Finance," was published on August 19, 2025. The full transcript is available <a href="here">here</a>.

In a wide-ranging discussion focused on Ben's expertise in digital asset recovery, he addressed the challenges commonly associated with blockchain-based fraud cases, one of which is a lack of common understanding of digital assets as an asset class. Early in the podcast, he commented that while "people are starting to see how these cases are very different and have a very special aspect to them," the key to increasing understanding of digital asset recovery cases is to show how they are "really not unlike other fraud and recovery cases, at least in terms of the instruments and tools we bring to bear."

Later in the podcast, Ben touched on the role that litigation funding can play in this evolving digital asset space, stating that "there's great possibility, great opportunity, but it's really underdeveloped," and that "When you see tens of billions moving to illicit addresses, and many fraud cases dying on the vine (because you've got a large, disparate group of people who lost money and gave up), it's a missed opportunity."

Ben is a leading corporate commercial litigator who has built a far-reaching cross-border practice and network, including foreign lawyer contacts, investigators, forensic experts and other specialized service providers. His practice focuses on complex, high stakes fraud, digital asset recovery and commercial litigation. Ben is widely recognized in the crypto industry as the go-to digital asset investigations and recovery lawyer in Canada.

To learn more about Benjamin Bathgate, please visit his profile page.

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