

WeirFoulds Partner Benjamin Bathgate Interviews on CBC's The Fifth Estate Documentary Speaking on the Crypto Fraud Precedent: *Cicada 137 versus Medjedovic*

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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, is featured in the latest installment of CBC's *The Fifth Estate* as part of its documentary examining crypto fraud in Canada. Mr. Bathgate was interviewed on the precedent-setting legal case, *Cicada 137 v. Medjedovic*, and the broader civil and criminal crypto fraud cases against Canadian national Andean Medjedovic.

A Canadian national named Andean Medjedovic has been indicted in the Eastern District of New York on charges of wire fraud, computer hacking, and attempted extortion, following allegations that he was responsible for more than US\$50 million in digital tokens being fraudulently removed from liquidity pools on the Indexed Finance and KyberSwap trading platforms.

The documentary summarizes key developments in the case, including Mr. Bathgate's court appearances, the obtaining and execution of an Anton Piller order on a digital wallet and related investigations, the movement of cryptocurrency assets following a freezing order, judicial intervention and the issuance of a civil bench warrant for Mr. Medjedovic's arrest, and the investigative process by law enforcement as they continue to search for Mr. Medjedovic.

Mr. Bathgate appeared on the program to provide legal and crypto industry perspectives on the influx of fraud in the space, the surging impact on Canadians and how the courts are trying to meet that challenge, with a focus on his precedent-setting civil case against Mr. Medjedovic.

To view the full episode, [click here](#).

Mr. Bathgate practice focuses on complex, high stakes fraud, injunctions and digital asset investigations and recovery cases. He is a leading international asset recovery and crypto disputes lawyer and is widely recognized in the crypto industry as the go-to digital asset investigations and recovery lawyer in Canada. Mr. Bathgate speaks and consults regularly on cryptocurrency frauds and asset tracing as part of his cross-border practice and has interviewed with leading publications in the field including CBC Television, *Globe and Mail*, *CoinDesk*, *CoinDesk TV*, *Canadian Lawyer*, *Yahoo Finance*, *Bloomberg Law* and *Bloomberg Business*."

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

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