

# J. Mason Bump

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Figment, Inc.**

**October 2021 – Present**

*Protocol Specialist and Governance Expert (Promoted from Protocol Analyst on January 1, 2023)*

- Review contracts and agreements prepared by our in-house Legal Team to ensure that the terms accurately reflect web3 terms and business operations.
- Manager of Protocol Offboarding, which oversees the deprecation of networks Figment can no longer support. The process I personally established for this department involves preparing revenue models and coordinating efforts across over five departments in timed phases.
- Protocol Expert for several web3 protocols, including Cosmos Hub (+ consumer chains), Osmosis, Celestia, Livepeer, and Bandchain.
- Onboarding the network Celestia, which involves coordinating efforts from multiple departments, maintaining information resources, and ensuring that due diligence is prepared in accordance with a successful launch of operations on this network.
- As Governance Expert, established the process used for logging, reviewing, and voting on governance proposals for all networks Figment supports. For voting, took the lead on establishing best practices for permissioned voting on behalf of Figment validators through delegated AuthZ commands.
- Presented a talk about systems architecture connecting smart contracts and legal contracts titled “Staking: Modern Building Materials for Contracts” at Nebular Summit in Paris, France (2023).
- Have participated in many successful sales calls, and independently sourced a partnership that led to an additional ~\$50 million in Assets Under Stake (AUS).
- Wrote several high-level articles about Web3 and blockchain protocols, including:
  - [Cosmos Ecosystem Update \(Q1, 2023\)](#) (2/7/23)
  - [The Implications of Osmosis Proposal 121 Passing](#) (3/18/22)
  - [Superfluid Staking: The Next Generation of Proof of Stake](#) (4/7/22)
  - [Osmosis: Welcome to the Bridge-Off](#) (4/22/22)
  - [Terra Update: The Spiral](#) (5/13/22)
  - [XCMP: Cross-Chain Message Passing on Polkadot](#) (6/30/22)
  - [Ethereum: An Introduction to The Merge and the ETH Staking Ecosystem](#) (7/8/22)
  - [State of Osmosis: Staking Osmosis with Ledger](#) (8/30/22)

**Sullivan & Ward, P.C.**

**June 2020 – September 2021**

*Attorney at Law*

- General practice role focused on business formation, contract negotiation, estate planning, real estate transactions, title opinions, litigation, trial, and appeals.
- Regularly met with potential clients and fielded cold calls requiring quick-thinking, issue-spotting, and prompt follow-up on a wide variety of legal subjects.
- Litigation practice was focused primarily on appellate and plaintiff’s work in areas such as breach of contract, real estate law, and personal injury.
- Arguments I briefed were presented in front of the Iowa Supreme Court in the case of Richard Grout as Trustee of the Helen Schardien 2018 Revocable Trust v. Dan R. Sickels, No. 21-0556, \_\_ N.W.2d \_\_ (Iowa Jan. 27, 2023) (amended Feb. 2, 2023), resulting in a positive outcome for my former client and development of Iowa case law on Joint-Tenancies with Right of Survivorship.

- Conducted regulatory compliance research for clients who participate in industrial hemp farming in Iowa. On behalf of one client, successfully negotiated a restructuring of a California LLC to solidify and protect their interests.

## **Blockchain Expert Consulting**

**December 2020 – Present**

*Expert Witness / Strategy and Innovation Consultant / Content Writer*

- As an Expert Witness, I apply my skills as a McAfee Institute Certified Cryptocurrency Forensics Investigator (CCFI) to advising and developing expert material for legal teams engaged in litigation or negotiations where blockchain technology is involved.
- Paid independent consultant for Sense Protocol, a decentralized application (“dApp”) for earning fixed income that is fully collateralized by yield-bearing digital assets.
- Founder of a stealth startup being developed to offer on-chain service of process for legal proceedings on multiple blockchain networks.
- Articles written:
  - [Series LLCs and Blockchain: Circling the Wagons](#) (Medium – 12/29/20)
  - [Parallels in the Social Contracts of Blockchain Systems And the United States’ Founding Documents](#) (Medium – 5/4/21)
  - [A U.S. Digital Currency Could Usher-In a New Age of Government Accountability](#) (Medium – 5/10/21)
  - [Blockchain for Lawyers](#) (The Iowa Lawyer – 6/21)
  - [Sense Unveiled](#) (Sense Blog/Medium – 4/15/22)
  - [KALI Deep Dive: Series LLCs](#) (KALI DAO Blog/Medium – 4/21/22)
  - [The Next Wave of Web3: Tokenization of Interests, Not Assets](#) (Medium – 12/30/22)

## **SKB Attorneys, Des Moines, IA**

**January 2020 – June 2020**

*Attorney-Partner*

- Negotiated terms for the purchase of another law practice by J. Mason Bump, PLLC, creating the SKB law firm and bringing the total number of attorneys to three.
- Practiced in a variety of areas, including those of the previous firm as well as agribusiness deals, family farms, financial negotiation, and estate planning.

## **J. Mason Bump, PLLC, Des Moines, IA**

**April 2019 – January 2020**

*Attorney at Law*

- Provided business formation services, contract work, and transactional counsel for entrepreneurs and startups.
- Developed theory and practical insight into distributed ledger technology for use by business clients and forward-thinking lawyers, with an emphasis on smart contracts and autonomous corporate governance.

## **Bump & Bump, LLP, Panora, IA**

**November 2018 – April 2019**

*Attorney at Law*

- Performed thorough research on a case that went to trial involving disputed boundaries and the doctrine of acquiescence. Handled the direct examination of one of our clients at the resulting trial.
- Drafted and filed formation documents for LLCs, deeds, drafted purchase agreements, drafted title opinions, and other documents necessary for real estate deals.

## **SECONDARY LANGUAGES**

**Secondary Language Proficiency:** French (Intermediate); Spanish (Beginner-Intermediate)

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

<b>Admitted to the New York Bar</b>	(Application Pending)
<b>Admitted to the Iowa Bar</b>	September 2018
<b>Certified Cryptocurrency Forensic Investigator (CCFI)</b> <i>McAfee Institute</i>	August 2023
<b>Certified Blockchain &amp; Law Professional</b> <i>Blockchain Council (Credential ID 74682613)</i>	May 2023
<b>Certified Blockchain Expert</b> <i>Blockchain Council (Credential ID 74679687)</i>	May 2023
<b>International Law and Global Citizenship Certification</b> <i>Drake University Law School</i>	May 2018

## EDUCATION

<b>Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA</b> Juris Doctor, With Honors <i>International Law and Global Citizenship Certificate</i> <u>Dissertation:</u> Freedom From Fiat: International Custom and the Case for Individual, Free-Market Selection of Alternate Forms of Money	June 2015 – May 2018
<b>Drake University College of Business, Des Moines, IA</b> Master of Business Administration	August 2015 – May 2018
<b>Iowa State University, Ames, IA</b> Bachelor of Science, Marketing	August 2010 – May 2015

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