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Jillian's unique background includes several years of cryptocurrency and blockchain industry experience in both the start-up and the banking world. After realizing in 2013 that there were few cryptocurrency legal authorities she decided to become one. In addition to working with the cryptocurrency industry, including Montreal's Bitcoin Embassy, she has published several works on cryptocurrency and blockchain technology including co-authoring the first legal book on Bitcoin. Jillian has been consulted by various government and regulatory bodies, including the Canadian Senate. In her current role as head of blockchain, Jillian defines the bank's strategy around the emerging technology and works with the Bank's venture fund. She holds a B.A. from McGill University and an LL.B. and J.D. from *Université de Montreal*.