

Dear "[FNAME]",

As cryptocurrencies, NFTs, immersive technologies and the metaverse draw closer and closer to the mainstream, stakeholders with divergent—and often conflicting—agendas increasingly appear on the virtual stage. This month's newsletter takes a look at whether the ether can and should attempt to accommodate everyone's ambitions. Tradeoffs most likely will have to be made to protect consumers, ensure level playing fields, and allow everyone to participate and profit from the opening of these new frontiers.

Two articles this month explore the difficulties regulators face in bringing the rule of law and standardized procedures to both esports and crypto financial transactions. They highlight the age-old yet ever-timely debate on the balance of personal freedoms and privacy with community safety and consumer protection.

Finally, we consider the pros and cons of approaches on opposite sides of the Atlantic concerning methods for compensating artists for sales of digital creations.

If you're interested in discussing these issues, connect with me at any of the upcoming events and conferences I will be attending. And don't forget to tune in to my upcoming presentations and panel discussions, as noted below.

There's a lot of ground to cover in this edition, so get going!

As always, thank you for reading.

Best regards,

David B. Hoppe  
Managing Partner  
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## YOU SHOULD KNOW




### STATES FACE HIGH HURDLES IN ESPORTS REGULATION

Governments face a raft of challenges in establishing a framework to ensure fair play and adequate protections for esports athletes, consumers, and game owners. [Read more.](#)



### COWBOY UP! WYOMING BULLISH ON DAOS

As the only state to legalize digital autonomous organizations (DAOs), Wyoming gives participants greater access, input, and transparency in their business structures. [Read more.](#)



### ROYALTY TREATMENT: FIRST SALE AND RIGHT OF RESALE

Should artists and copyright holders share in the profits when their original digital works are resold for higher prices? We explore the thorny legal interpretations. [Read more.](#)



### CRYPTO TRANSACTIONS PIT FEDS VS. PRIVACY ADVOCATES

Privacy advocates are crying foul over a proposed rule that would require financial services firms to record personal and crypto wallet data for certain transactions to deter criminal activity. [Read more.](#)

## IN THE NEWS

[SEC Chair Gary Gensler Seeks to Regulate Crypto Platforms 'Like Exchanges'—Go Banking Rates](#)

[How is Ukraine using crypto to fund the war?—The Economist](#)

[How the Metaverse Could Change Work—Harvard Business Review](#)

[Esports Betting Live in New Jersey, Video Game Industry Flaunts Lofly Projections—Casino.org](#)

[Boris Johnson defies his own regulators by jumping headfirst into Web3 and NFTs—Fortune](#)

[Unreal Engine 5 Officially Released—IGN](#)


[New Minecraft mode 'RiverCraft' teaches students about the real-world effects of climate change—PC Gamer](#)

[Crypto's surveillance problem, explained—Jerusalem Post](#)

[Owners left with worthless NFTs after F1 Delta Time racing game shuts down—Dot eSports](#)


[Simulator teaches the pitfalls of distracted, intoxicated driving—Toledo Blade](#)

## CONNECT WITH US




### GAMESBEAT SUMMIT

April 26, Los Angeles  
David will attend the live session. Conference topics include dealmaking and investments, diversity, and core game development. [Register](#)




### METAVEVERSE ECOSYSTEM DEV. & INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

Online, May 24-26  
David's recorded presentation, "Legal considerations for operating and participating in the metaverse," will air May 25 at 8:20 am PT. [Tickets](#)




### METAVEVERSE ECOSYSTEM DEV. & INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

Austin, TX, June 12-19  
Presented by CoinDesk, the conference features discussions on finance, investing, NFT's, DeFi, and the Metaverse - and their effects on commerce and culture. [Register](#).



### NFT EXPOVERSE

Los Angeles, July 29-31  
David will participate in the panel discussion, "Regulation of Properties in Video Games." Date and time TBD. [Tickets](#)



### TOKYO GAME SHOW 2022

September 15-18, Chiba  
Be among the first to check out what's new from all the major game publishers, console makers, mobile gaming platforms, and AR/VR producers. [Schedule of events](#)



### HAVE DAVID SPEAK AT YOUR EVENT

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