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Crowell & Moring Awarded *The Deal's* 'Most Innovative Deal of the Year' and the Association for Corporate Growth and the M&A Advisor's 'Deal of the Year'

Firm honored for role in world's largest blockchain investment to date

Washington – June 27, 2018: Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce that it has been awarded two industry awards for its role in handling the world's largest blockchain investment to date: *The Deal's* "Most Innovative Deal of the Year" and the Association for Corporate Growth and the M&A Advisor's "Deal of the Year" in the financial services category. The firm was selected for shepherding a landmark FinTech deal last year in which more than 40 global banks, among others, invested \$107 million in R3, a recently formed blockchain/distributed ledger technology (DLT) company.

The Deal's "Most Innovative Deal of the Year" award honors the deal that most significantly transformed a company or industry, not predicated on size of transaction or particular sector. To see the full list of winners of the 2018 Deal Awards, [click here](#).

ACG New York, the largest association of middle-market deal-making professionals in New York, and the M&A Advisor, a leadership organization of M&A, Turnaround and Finance professionals, recognized Crowell & Moring in its New York Champion's Awards, which honors individual dealmakers and transactions, as well as the leading middle-market firms that are driving growth within the greater New York metropolitan area. To see the full list of winners, [click here](#).

The Crowell & Moring's deal team was led by partner Mitchell L. Rabinowitz and included fellow partners [Paul J. Pollock](#), Jennifer A. Ray, and [Sean-Paul Brankin](#); senior counsel [Scott A. Lessne](#) and Masha Smith; counsel Jenny E. Cieplak; and associates Jennifer Rodriguez and Simon Leefatt.

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