

Brian Quintenz

Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (2017-2021)

As a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) from 2017-2021, Brian Quintenz spearheaded the implementation of forward-thinking policies designed to uphold the integrity and resilience of the U.S. derivatives markets during a highly transformative period in finance. One of the sector's most prominent voices, Quintenz was nominated by both Presidents Obama and Trump to serve as a Commissioner of the CFTC and unanimously confirmed by the Senate. He remains an advocate for narrowly tailored, risk-calibrated regulation and a champion of innovation and growth in the financial technology (fintech) space.

Drawing from his two decades as a leader in the financial markets and a political policy advisor, Quintenz's discussions are equal parts gripping and pragmatic, and focus on the disruption and regulation of the financial markets, especially as they relate to cryptocurrencies. Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), he provides audiences with a rare insider's perspective of current and future market risk, fintech (including Bitcoin futures, distributed ledger technologies, cybersecurity, and automated trading), and international harmonization of derivatives regulations.

As commissioner of the CFTC, Quintenz headed the agency's Technology Advisory Committee, which hosted the most comprehensive public discussions and briefings with industry leaders on policy issues related to cryptocurrency and other digital assets. It was during Quintenz's tenure that the U.S. first began regulating futures contracts based on virtual currencies, including Bitcoin and Ether, while also expanding decentralized finance (DeFi) initiatives. He also successfully worked alongside counterparts at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on successful harmonization efforts between the CFTC and SEC to promote crypto innovation and education at the government level. Quintenz stepped down from his role as a CFTC Commissioner in 2021 and now serves as an advisory partner at Andreessen Horowitz (also known as a16z) where he provides his expertise on the Silicon Valley venture capital giant's crypto-related investments.

Prior to serving as a CFTC Commissioner, Quintenz was the founder and managing principal of Saeculum Capital Management, LLC. His previous roles also include outside consultant for the Global Institutional Consulting Group at Merrill Lynch, and senior associate for Hill-Townsend Capital. Before entering the finance sector, Quintenz worked on Capitol Hill for six years, serving as a senior policy advisor for Congresswoman Deborah Pryce (OH-15).

Quintenz graduated Magna Cum Laude from Duke University with a major in public policy studies. He later received his MBA from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, where he was inducted into the Phi Beta Gamma honors society.