Virtual Asset Registry (VAR) Framework

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1. Purpose

The Virtual Asset Registry (VAR) Framework establishes a structured methodology for the documentation-status review, provenance evaluation, and reconciliation of digital asset record sets.

The framework is designed to support consistent, source-cited evaluation of fragmented digital asset materials used in legal, insurance, fiduciary, investigative, compliance, and dispute-related matters.

The purpose of the VAR Framework is not to determine ultimate truth, ownership, legal entitlement, valuation, or investment suitability. The framework exists to evaluate what a produced record set supports, what remains unsupported, and where material conflicts or open questions exist.

2. Scope

The VAR Framework applies to documentation and records associated with:

- Centralized exchange activity
- Non-custodial wallets
- Fiat on-ramp and off-ramp activity
- Tax reporting artifacts
- Device and application records
- Supporting correspondence and production materials
- Tokenized and digitally represented assets
- Related provenance and attribution materials

The framework may be applied in matters involving:

- Litigation
- Divorce and family law
- Estate and probate matters
- Insurance and claims review
- Fiduciary review
- Internal investigations
- Insolvency and recovery support
- Institutional diligence and onboarding

3. Framework Principles

The VAR Framework operates under the following governing principles:

3.1 Documentation-Status, Not Truth

The framework evaluates documentation support and internal consistency of produced materials. It does not determine legal truth, ownership, or intent.

3.2 Source-Cited Review

Material findings should be traceable to identified source artifacts.

3.3 Reproducibility

A qualified reviewer should be able to evaluate the same record set using the same methodology and arrive at materially consistent conclusions.

3.4 Neutral Application

The same methodology applies regardless of which party engaged the work.

3.5 Least-Privilege Handling

The framework does not require private keys, credential sharing, or custody transfer in order to perform documentation-status review.

4. Core Methodology

The VAR Framework applies a three-part methodology:

4.1 Attribution Review

Evaluation of whether produced records support an asserted relationship between:

- a party
- an account
- a wallet address
- a device
- associated activity or transactions

4.2 Provenance Mapping

Timeline reconstruction using produced records and available on-chain activity to identify:

- gaps
- discontinuities
- unsupported transitions
- missing periods
- unresolved movement of assets or records

4.3 Record Reconciliation

Structured comparison of independent record sources to evaluate:

- consistency
- completeness
- alignment
- discrepancies
- unresolved conflicts

Examples may include:

- bank activity versus exchange activity
- exchange exports versus tax reports
- wallet assertions versus address histories
- device records versus claimed access narratives

5. Defined Terms

Record Set

The collection of materials produced for review, including exports, statements, screenshots, reports, correspondence, and supporting artifacts.

Source Artifact

A discrete file, record, export, or document relied upon during review.

Attribution

The documented linkage between an identity/controller and an account, address, device, or activity.

Provenance

A record-supported chain describing movement, custody, or control over time.

Reconciliation

Cross-checking between independent sources to evaluate alignment and identify inconsistencies.

Conflict

A material inconsistency between sources that cannot reasonably be resolved through timing, formatting, or known technical limitations.

6. Verification Status System

The VAR Framework incorporates the VAR Verification Status Standard.

The following labels are the authoritative documentation-status labels within the framework:

- Verified (Record-Supported)
- Partially Supported
- Unverified (Insufficient Record Support)
- Conflict Flag
- Open Item (Requires Clarification / Compulsion)
- Out of Scope

These labels apply at the claim, timeline segment, artifact, or issue level where appropriate.

No additional status labels or substitute terminology should be treated as authoritative within the framework.

7. Common Documentation Categories

The following categories of materials are commonly reviewed within framework-conforming evaluations where relevant to scope.

7.1 Centralized Exchange Activity

Examples may include:

- transaction history exports
- account statements
- deposit and withdrawal history
- fiat funding evidence

7.2 Non-Custodial Wallet Activity

Examples may include:

- public wallet address lists
- linkage artifacts supporting attribution
- corroborating withdrawal or transfer history

7.3 Tax Artifacts

Examples may include:

- Form 8949
- Schedule D
- third-party crypto tax reports
- supporting basis or export settings where available

7.4 Device and Application Records

Examples may include:

- device inventories
- wallet application inventories
- access-loss or recovery correspondence
- related support logs

8. Documentation Controls

Framework-conforming work product should incorporate the following controls:

8.1 Source-Cited Indexing

Material statements should identify supporting source artifacts.

8.2 Reproducibility Controls

Methodology steps should be documented at a level allowing independent review.

8.3 Non-Destructive Handling

Original source materials should remain preserved and unmodified.

8.4 Scope Definition

Each review should identify:

- defined scope
- defined subject
- defined record set
- applicable limitations

9. Limitations and Exclusions

The VAR Framework:

- does not provide legal advice
- does not provide tax advice
- does not provide investment advice
- does not determine ownership
- does not guarantee authenticity
- does not provide custody services
- does not approve transactions
- does not eliminate the possibility of fraud or withheld materials

On-chain observations may remain incomplete without produced attribution materials or complete address disclosures.

Screenshots and informal materials may provide contextual support but are generally weaker than raw exports and primary-source documentation.

Absence of documentation-status support does not independently establish falsity or misconduct.

10. Conformance Language

Work product applying this framework may state:

> "Prepared in accordance with the Virtual Asset Registry (VAR) Framework."

Where applicable, work product may additionally reference:

> "Prepared in accordance with the VAR Verification Status Standard v1.1."

Conformance language does not constitute legal certification, audit opinion, attestation, or guarantee.

11. Versioning and Governance

The VAR Framework is version-controlled to preserve consistency across engagements and references.

Future revisions may refine:

- terminology
- methodology
- documentation expectations
- status definitions
- implementation guidance

Prior versions remain historically referenceable.

12. Relationship to VARfacts

VARfacts™ functions as an execution and reporting layer operating under the Virtual Asset Registry (VAR) Framework.

The framework itself is methodology-oriented and may be referenced independently from any individual matter or engagement.

13. Suggested Citation

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14. Final Statement

The Virtual Asset Registry (VAR) Framework establishes a structured methodology for evaluating digital asset record sets through source-cited review, provenance analysis, and documentation-status assessment.

The framework is designed to improve consistency, reproducibility, and clarity in matters where fragmented digital asset records create operational, legal, fiduciary, or investigative uncertainty.

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