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EXHIBIT A

**PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND INVENTIONS AGREEMENT**

As a condition of my employment with Factom, Inc. and its subsidiaries, affiliates, successors or assigns (collectively, the "**Company**"), and in consideration of my employment with the Company and my receipt of the compensation now and hereafter paid to me by the Company, I agree to the following terms under this Proprietary Information and Inventions Agreement (this "**Intellectual Property Agreement**"):

**Employment**

I understand and acknowledge that my employment with the Company is for an unspecified duration and constitutes "at-will" employment. I acknowledge that this employment relationship may be terminated at any time, with or without good cause or for any or no cause, at the option either of the Company or myself, with or without notice.

I agree that, during the term of my employment with the Company, I will not engage in any other employment, occupation, consulting or other business activity related to the business in which the Company is now involved or becomes involved during the term of my employment, nor will I engage in any other activities that conflict with my obligations to the Company.

**Confidential Information**

**Company Information.** I agree at all times during the term of my employment (my "**Relationship with the Company**") and thereafter to hold in strictest confidence, and not to use except for the benefit of the Company or to disclose to any third party without written authorization of the Board of Directors of the Company, any Confidential Information of the Company. I understand that "**Confidential Information**" means any Company proprietary information, technical data, trade secrets or know-how, including, but not limited to, research, business plans, product plans, products, services, customer lists and customers (including, but not limited to, customers of the Company on whom I called or with whom I became acquainted during the term of my Relationship with the Company), market research, works of original authorship, intellectual property (including, but not limited to, unpublished works and undisclosed patents), photographs, negatives, digital images, software, computer programs, ideas, developments, inventions (whether or not patentable), processes, formulas, technology, designs, drawings and engineering, hardware configuration information, forecasts, strategies, marketing, finances or other business information disclosed to me by the Company either directly or indirectly in writing, orally or by drawings or observation or inspection of parts or equipment. I further understand that Confidential Information does not include any of the foregoing items that has become publicly known and made generally available through no wrongful act of mine or of others who were under confidentiality obligations as to the item or items involved.

**Other Employer Information.** I agree that I will not, during my Relationship with the Company, improperly use or disclose any proprietary information or trade secrets of any former or concurrent employer or other person or entity and that I will not bring onto the premises of the Company any unpublished document or proprietary information belonging to any such employer, person or entity unless consented to in writing by such employer, person or entity.

**Third Party Information.** I recognize that the Company has received and in the future will receive from third parties their confidential or proprietary information subject to a duty on the Company's part to maintain the confidentiality of such information and to use it only for certain limited purposes. I agree to hold all such confidential or proprietary information in the strictest confidence and not to disclose it to any person, firm or corporation or to use it except as necessary in carrying out my work for the Company consistent with the Company's agreement with such third party.

### **Intellectual Property**

**Assignment of Intellectual Property.** I agree that I will promptly make full written disclosure to the Company, will hold in trust for the sole right and benefit of the Company, and hereby assign to the Company, or its designee, all my right, title and interest in and to any original works of authorship, domain names, inventions, concepts, improvements, processes, methods or trade secrets, whether or not patentable or registrable under copyright or similar laws, that I may solely or jointly conceive or develop or reduce to practice, or cause to be conceived or developed or reduced to practice, during the period of time I am in the service of the Company and that (i) are developed using the equipment, supplies, facilities or Confidential Information of the Company, (ii) result from or are suggested by work performed by me for the Company, or (iii) relate to the Company business or to the actual or demonstrably anticipated research or development of the Company (collectively referred to as "**Intellectual Property**") . The Intellectual Property will be the sole and exclusive property of the Company. I further acknowledge that all original works that are made by me (solely or jointly with others) within the scope of and during the period of my Relationship with the Company ("**Works of Authorship**"), as previously identified in points (i) through (iii) in this section, and that are protectable by copyright are "works made for hire," as that term is defined in the United States Copyright Act. To the extent any such Works of Authorship are not deemed to be work made for hire, then I will and hereby do assign all my right, title and interest in such Works of Authorship to the Company, except as previously identified in points (i) through (iii) in this section.

**Patent and Copyright Registrations.** I agree to assist the Company, or its designee, at the Company's expense, in every proper way to secure the Company's rights in the Intellectual Property and any copyrights, patents, trademarks, domain names or other intellectual property rights relating thereto in any and all countries, including the disclosure to the Company of all pertinent information and data with respect thereto and the execution of all applications, specifications, oaths, assignments and other instruments that the Company shall deem necessary in order to apply for and obtain such rights and in order to assign and convey to the Company and its successors, assigns and nominees the sole and exclusive right, title and interest in and to such Intellectual Property, and any copyrights, patents, trademarks, domain names or other intellectual property rights relating thereto. I further agree that my obligation to execute or cause to be executed, when it is in my power to do so, any such instrument or papers shall continue after the termination of this Intellectual Property Agreement. If the Company is unable because of my mental or physical incapacity or for any other reason to secure my assistance in perfecting the rights transferred in this Intellectual Property Agreement, then I hereby

irrevocably designate and appoint the Company and its duly authorized officers and agents as my agent and attorney in fact, to act for and in my behalf and stead to execute and file any such applications and to do all other lawfully permitted acts to further the prosecution and issuance of letters patent and copyright, trademark or domain name registrations thereon with the same legal force and effect as if executed by me. The designation and appointment of the Company and its duly authorized officers and agents as my agent and attorney in fact shall be deemed to be coupled with an interest and therefore irrevocable.

**Maintenance of Records.** I agree to keep and maintain adequate and current written records of all Intellectual Property made by me (solely or jointly with others) during the term of my Relationship with the Company. The records will be in the form of notes, sketches, drawings, works of original authorship, photographs, negatives or digital images or in any other format that may be specified by the Company. The records will be available to and remain the sole property of the Company at all times.

**Intellectual Property Retained and Licensed.** I provide below a list of all original works of authorship, inventions, developments, improvements, trademarks, designs, domain names, processes, methods and trade secrets that were made by me prior to my Relationship with the Company (collectively referred to as "*Prior Intellectual Property*"), that belong to me, that relate to the Company's proposed business, products or research and development, and that are not assigned to the Company hereunder; or, if no such list is attached, I represent that there is no such Prior Intellectual Property. If in the course of my Relationship with the Company, I incorporate into Company property any Prior Intellectual Property owned by me or in which I have an interest regardless of any recitation below, the Company is hereby granted and shall have a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide license to make, have made, modify, use and sell such Prior Intellectual Property as part of or in connection with such Company property.

As between the Company and me, with respect to all open-source Prior Intellectual Property all works of authorship, inventions, developments, improvements, trademarks, designs, domain names, processes, methods and trade secrets that were made by me prior to my Relationship with the Company shall remain my intellectual property. I also agree to update the the Prior Intellectual Property table listed below from time to time to disclose any changes. The following open-source licenses were used by me to publish innumerable Prior Intellectual Property items prior to my relationship with the Company:

Apache Public License 2.0

Erlang Public License 1.1

GNU General Public License v3

Mozilla Public License 2.0

Revised BSD License (3-clause)

Simplified BSD License (2-clause)

## Prior Intellectual Property:

Title	Date	Identifying Number or Brief Description

**Return of Company Documents.** I agree that, at the time of leaving the employ of the Company, I will deliver to the Company (and will not keep in my possession, recreate or deliver to anyone else) any and all works of original authorship, domain names, original registration certificates, photographs, negatives, digital images, devices, records, data, notes, reports, proposals, lists, correspondence, specifications, drawings, blueprints, sketches, materials, equipment or other documents or property, or reproductions of any aforementioned items, developed by me pursuant to my Relationship with the Company or otherwise belonging to the Company or its successors or assigns. In the event of the termination of my Relationship with the Company, I agree to sign and deliver the "*Termination Certificate*" attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

**Notification of New Employer**

In the event that I leave the employ of the Company, I hereby grant consent to notification by the Company to my new employer or consulting client of my rights and obligations under this Intellectual Property Agreement.

**No Solicitation of Employees**

In consideration for my Relationship with the Company and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I agree that during the period of my Relationship with the Company as an employee, consultant, officer and/or director and for a period of twelve (12) months thereafter, I shall not solicit the employment of any person who shall then be employed by the Company (as an employee or consultant) or who shall have been employed by the Company (as an employee or consultant) within the prior twelve (12) -month period, on behalf of myself or any other person, firm, corporation, association or other entity, directly or indirectly.

**Representations**

I represent that my performance of all the terms of this Intellectual Property Agreement will not breach any agreement to keep in confidence proprietary information acquired by me in confidence or in trust prior to my Relationship with the Company. I have not entered into, and I agree I will not enter into, any oral or written agreement in conflict herewith. I agree to execute any proper oath or verify any proper document required to carry out the terms of this Intellectual Property Agreement.

## **Equitable Relief**

The Company and I each agree that disputes relating to or arising out of a breach of the covenants contained in this Intellectual Property Agreement may cause the Company or me, as applicable, to suffer irreparable harm and to have no adequate remedy at law. In the event of any such breach or default by a party, or any threat of such breach or default, the other party will be entitled to injunctive relief, specific performance and other equitable relief. The parties further agree that no bond or other security shall be required in obtaining such equitable relief and hereby consents to the issuance of such injunction and to the ordering of specific performance.

## **General Provisions**

**Governing Law; Consent to Personal Jurisdiction.** This Intellectual Property Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware as they apply to contracts entered into and wholly to be performed within such state. I hereby expressly consent to the nonexclusive personal jurisdiction and venue of the state and federal courts located in the federal District of Delaware for any lawsuit filed there by either party arising from or relating to this Intellectual Property Agreement.

**Entire Agreement.** This Intellectual Property Agreement sets forth the entire agreement and understanding between the Company and me relating to the subject matter herein and merges all prior discussions between us. No modification of or amendment to this Intellectual Property Agreement, or any waiver of any rights under this Intellectual Property Agreement, will be effective unless in writing signed by the party to be charged. Any subsequent change or changes in my duties, salary or compensation will not affect the validity or scope of this Intellectual Property Agreement.

**Severability.** If one or more of the provisions in this Intellectual Property Agreement are deemed void by law, then the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect.

**Successors and Assigns.** This Intellectual Property Agreement will be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives and will be for the benefit of the Company and its successors and assigns.

*[Signature Page to Follow]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Proprietary Information and Inventions Agreement as of September 7, 2016.

DocuSigned by:  
By: *Maresh Paolini-Subramanya*  
Name: CA71PDF80362459... Maresh Paolini-Subramanya

Address:

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By: *Peter Kirby*  
Name: 317EBFD1BBC841A...

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