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Annabel is a California-qualified attorney and member of Bartko Pavia's trial team, with a practice that spans complex commercial, intellectual property and antitrust matters. Prior to joining Bartko Pavia, Annabel worked at an AmLaw100 firm, representing Fortune 500 companies in commercial and liability disputes.

Annabel commenced her legal career in Australia, clerking for Associate Justice Efthim at the Supreme Court of Victoria. She was then admitted as a barrister at the Victoria Bar, where she developed a strong complex commercial trial practice representing corporations, government entities, liquidators and high net worth individuals, often serving as second chair to leading Australian commercial counsel. Prior to moving to the United States, Annabel taught insolvency law at Melbourne Law School, a top ten global law school.

Annabel has a Master of Laws from the University of California, Berkeley, where she attended on scholarship and received the prize for legal research and writing. Her focus was on AI law and regulation, intellectual property and technology law. She speaks and writes regularly on these issues and is a founder and executive committee member of the Bar Association of San Francisco's AI and Technology Practice Section.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Bar Association of San Francisco – Founding Executive Committee Member, AI & Technology Practice Group

- Bar Association of San Francisco – Executive Committee, Cyber Security and Privacy Practice Group
- The Lawyers Club of San Francisco – IP Inn of Court
- California Lawyers Association – IP, Antitrust and litigation practice groups

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- University of California Berkeley, Master of Laws, Scholarship recipient; prize for Legal Research and Writing; Dean's List, 2025
- University of Melbourne, Juris Doctor, 2017
- University of Sydney, Bachelor of International and Global Studies (Philosophy and Political Economics), 2012

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California State Bar, 2023
- Victoria Bar, 2021

COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 2023
- High Court of Australia, 2021
- Supreme Court of Victoria, 2018

RECOGNITIONS

- UC Berkeley - Prize for legal writing and research; scholarship

EXPERIENCE

- Secured dismissal of claims against a Fortune 500 technology company through a successful demurrer to the second amended complaint.
- Represented a leading satellite communications provider in a trade secret misappropriation claim against a competitor, securing a favorable settlement.

- Successfully obtained dismissal via demurrer of claims against an international technology company with no nexus to California.
- Successfully represented an individual creditor in obtaining approval for a liquidator's sale of a corporate trustee's right of indemnity against the individual beneficiaries of a corporate trust (Australia).
- Successfully represented a Melbourne property developer in a complex building contract dispute, securing favorable rulings on both claim and counterclaim (Australia)

PUBLICATIONS

- Annabel Tresise. "Case Comment: Bartz v. Anthropic PBC – Copyright Liability for AI Training Models," Harvard Art Law Review (forthcoming, 2025).
- Annabel Tresise, Jake Goldenfein and Daniel Hunter, "What Blockchain Can and Can't Do for Copyright" (2018) 28 Australian Intellectual Property Journal 144.
- Webb J., Patterson J., Tresise A. and Miller T., on behalf of the Australian Council of Learned Academies (July 2019) Legal Services: Input paper for the Horizon Scanning Project, "The Effective and Ethical Development of Artificial Intelligence: An Opportunity to Improve our Wellbeing."
- Panel Speaker, State of the Arts: Copyrightability & AI in 2025, hosted by the Bar Association of San Francisco, Art Law Section (2025).
- Presenter, Ethical Duties Owed to Former Clients, LegalWise Seminars (2021).
- Panel Speaker, Alumni Reflections, Orientation Day for the 2021 JD class at Melbourne Law School (2021).
- Panel Speaker, Diverse Legal Careers (Alumni Series), JD Forum at Melbourne Law School (2020).
- Panel Speaker, Disrupting Law, hosted by the Disruptive Business Network (2019).
- Debater, Disruptive Debate Series: Lawyers Will Be Irrelevant, hosted by the Disruptive Business Network (2019).

- Panel Speaker, Responsible AI: Foundation Panel and Fishbowl, hosted by Responsible AI Melbourne (2018).

AREAS OF FOCUS

PRACTICES

Intellectual Property
Labor & Employment
Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Fashion & Luxury Goods
Media & Entertainment
Technology