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John J. Bartko is a Founder and Partner of Bartko Pavia LLP and has decades of experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in complex civil, criminal, and regulatory matters. His experience includes representing various parties in complicated financial fraud and environmental law cases. John has represented many executives ensnared in regulatory investigations and is recognized as a leading white collar criminal defense attorney, most notably as lead trial counsel in a criminal antitrust case where he successfully defended a U.S. executive accused of international price fixing even though the government had obtained 17 guilty pleas from other defendants. One of his trials was nationally televised on Court TV.

John also has significant international experience, having been involved in international discovery and complex investigations requiring foreign court appearances, including conducting examinations in Switzerland and Japan through pioneering requests for civil judicial assistance. He has traveled to Europe, Asia, and South Africa to obtain evidence for American civil and criminal proceedings and has represented foreign officials in U.S. legal matters.

John's recent arbitrations include the representation of a technology company's founders against purchasers and financial advisors in claims arising from exit strategies. John has also represented U.S. companies in claims arising from international transactions involving joint ventures and real estate investments. In shareholder cases, John has represented corporations, directors, officers, and shareholders in antitrust, finance, real estate, technology, and other businesses and in state and federal litigation and governmental investigations. In addition, he has represented clients in professional malpractice claims and in other litigation concerning the departure of officers, partners, and shareholders.

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, J.D.
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California

COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the District of Hawaii

RECOGNITIONS

- Named as a Northern California Super Lawyer (2005-2025)
- Recognized by "Best Lawyers," Commercial Litigation and White Collar Criminal Defense (2013-2025)
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review, AV Rating, 5 Stars

EXPERIENCE

- John successfully represented landowners in pioneering environmental regulation matters resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Lake County Estates v. Tahoe Reg. Planning Agency*, 440 U.S. 391 (1979).

INSIGHTS

HONORS AND AWARDS | 01, JANUARY 2025

BARTKO LLP ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED AS BEST LAWYERS® AWARD RECIPIENTS

We're proud to announce that four Bartko, LLP attorneys have been named in the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. Best Lawyers is the oldest and most respected lawyer ranking service, using a peer-review process to ensure credibility and trust. Since it was first published in...

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FIVE BARTKO LAWYERS RECOGNIZED AS 2024 BEST LAWYERS® AWARD RECIPIENTS

Bartko LLP is pleased to announce that five lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence.

PUBLICATIONS

- John's many speaking appearances include presentations at the American Law Institute, American Bar Association, and Practising Law Institute where he discussed internal corporate investigations, international discovery, and trial practice.

AREAS OF FOCUS

PRACTICES

Intellectual Property
Litigation