

# Bartko

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## Education

University of California, Berkeley,  
School of Law (Boalt Hall), J.D., 1965

University of California, Los Angeles,  
B.A. (Political Science), 1962

## Professional Affiliations

Bar Association of San Francisco  
American Bar Association,

Committee on White Collar Crime

Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Northern

California (ABTL), Board of Directors, President  
2003

Advisory Board, Berkeley Center for Law,  
Business and the Economy

## Bar Admissions

State Bar of California

## Honors

Named as a "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters.

Recognized by "Best Lawyers," Commercial  
Litigation and White Collar Criminal Defense  
(2013-2021).

Rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-  
Hubbell, indicating very high legal ability  
and very high ethical standards.

## Speaking Engagements

Mr. Bartko's many speaking appearances  
have included presentations at the American  
Law Institute, American Bar Association and  
Practicing Law Institute where he discussed  
internal corporate investigations, international  
discovery and trial practice.

## Practice Areas

Antitrust Trials and Investigations  
Arbitration  
Class Action Litigation  
Complex Business Litigation  
Environmental Litigation  
Financial Institution Litigation

Intellectual Property Litigation  
Labor & Employment Litigation  
Professional Malpractice Litigation  
Shareholder & Securities Disputes  
White Collar Criminal Defense

## Experience

John Bartko is a Founder and a Principal of the firm. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in complex civil, criminal and regulatory matters. He has represented many executives ensnared in complex regulatory investigations and has been involved in significant 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. He has broad experience in representing various parties in complex financial fraud and environmental law cases. One of his trials was nationally televised on Court TV.

## Representative Cases

Mr. Bartko was lead trial counsel in a recent criminal antitrust trial where he successfully defended a U.S. executive where the government had obtained 17 guilty pleas from other defendants for international price-fixing (2008).

Mr. Bartko's recent arbitrations have included the representation of a technology company's founders in claims arising from exit strategics sales against purchasers and financial advisors.

Mr. Bartko has represented U.S. companies in claims arising from international transactions involving joint ventures and real estate investments.

In shareholder cases, Mr. Bartko 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. He has also represented clients in professional malpractice claims and in other litigation concerning the departure of officers, partners and shareholders.

Mr. Bartko 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).