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Newly Combined Firm, Bartko Pavia LLP, Redefines Client Success with a Business-Centric Approach

NEW YORK, March 3, 2025 -- Bartko LLP and Pavia & Harcourt LLP combine to create a national firm with an international reach and business-centric approach, focused on their clients' goals and long-term success.

Bartko, a leader in complex litigation, and Pavia & Harcourt, an international corporate boutique, have merged to create the national firm of Bartko Pavia LLP. With offices strategically located in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York, the new firm combines the firepower of a large firm with the personalized care and agility of a boutique firm to serve their clients across the nation and internationally.

“I have always held and imbued the firm with the principle that the practice of law is a profession not just a business, and that results are more important than billable hours. The zealous representation of our clients' interests has always been the firm's guiding star. We started as a complex litigation boutique in the 1970s, and our services have expanded to include a sophisticated commercial real estate practice, a robust labor and employment sector, and deep antitrust and IP expertise. While the firm's litigation history has always included diverse appearances in complex international matters, the addition of the Pavia practice and its attorneys will take us to the next step in sophisticated business representation of international clients,” said John Bartko, Founder.

“After years of working together, we are excited to combine our shared values, complementary strengths, and a vision for delivering unequalled legal service. The mutual dedication to client service and well-matched strengths will create a synergy that will benefit long-time clients and position us to better represent both established and new clients,” said An Ruda, firmwide Co-Managing Partner, CEO.

With Bartko's robust presence in California since 1978, and Pavia & Harcourt's deep roots in the New York and European markets since 1951, their ability to provide local expertise from coast to coast and with a global reach has become exponentially stronger.

“The merger of our firms is a demonstration of the same nimble approach we apply to clients – whether it be in litigation or strategic advice – creativity and innovation are our mantras. For Bartko, a New York office enhances our global litigation platform and service offerings. Change and transformation are not to be feared but embraced. We should run towards strategic opportunities that are new and innovative,” said Patrick M. Ryan, firmwide Co-Managing Partner, Chair of Litigation.

“Adding a powerful West Coast litigation, labor and compliance dimension to our practice with a trusted partner of many years is a crowning development for our firm, which will further enhance our established ability to serve our European and international clients with unparalleled insight and efficiency,” said Giovanni Spinelli, New York Office Managing Partner, Head of International.

The new firm will continue to lead in high-stakes areas including complex litigation, labor and employment law, commercial and corporate matters as well as antitrust, banking, business litigation, intellectual property, class actions, fashion law and luxury goods, and media and entertainment law. With a solidified global reach, Bartko Pavia LLP handles high-profile cases both nationally and internationally, representing multinational corporations and individuals alike. From global corporations to startups, the firm’s deep bench of talent promises impactful results at every level.

About Bartko Pavia LLP

Bartko Pavia LLP is an industry-leading powerhouse firm with a global reach made up of lawyers who are dedicated to solving problems. The firm fosters a collaborative work environment, offering personalized, creative and high-quality out-of-the-box legal services. Their innovative business-centric approach has established Bartko Pavia LLP as an elite and distinctive boutique law firm in the marketplace.