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TOP ANTITRUST LAWYERS 2025



Meet the practitioners shaping how markets compete in a year of landmark antitrust actions.



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Bonnie Lau has practiced law for nearly 20 years, focusing on antitrust litigation and representing clients in cases involving complex market dynamics and substantial financial exposure. A partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, she has taken five major matters to trial over the past six years, including four antitrust cases.

"I was drawn to antitrust in part simply because I'm interested in the subject matter of economics, competition and market dynamics," Lau said. "But there are other elements, too. Antitrust cases typically come with the threat of treble damages or otherwise elevated stakes,

which makes them more compelling."

Lau served as lead trial counsel for a Japanese technology client in *In re: Capacitors Antitrust Litigation*, a class action tried twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite exposure exceeding \$1.3 billion in treble damages, the case resulted in a \$5 million settlement mid-trial and subsequent resolution of remaining opt-out cases on favorable terms. Lau noted that antitrust class actions rarely go to trial, making these results particularly significant.

The case presented unique challenges beyond the courtroom. Preparing for a class action trial of that scale once proved difficult, but the pandemic required the team to gear up a second time. Strategic settlement decisions with opt-out plaintiffs also required careful consideration, as Lau's team settled for \$800,000 with Avnet, which later secured an \$89 million jury verdict against the remaining defendant.

In another matter involving emerging technology, Lau served as lead counsel for Cedar AI in bringing antitrust counterclaims against RMI, the dominant provider in the U.S. market for Transportation Management Systems. Cedar alleged RMI attempted to monopolize the market through exclusionary contracts, interference and a failed acquisition attempt. The team defeated multiple RMI motions, earned monetary sanctions against RMI for improperly withholding documents and secured a favorable confidential settlement in August 2023.

"All of these matters presented their own challenges, but the *In re: Capacitors Antitrust Litigation* became something

like an endurance test," Lau said. "It is difficult enough to prepare for a class action trial of that scale once, but the pandemic required us to gear up a second time. We also had to make strategic settlement decisions with opt-out plaintiffs that look wise with the benefit of hindsight."

Outside antitrust work, Lau led a team that secured a \$15.5 million judgment for pro bono clients in a human rights case under the Torture Victim Protection Act. In 2025, when the government brought related criminal charges, she supported trial strategy and presented victim impact statements at sentencing. The defendant received a nine-year prison term. The case presented personal obstacles, as clients, witnesses, and their family members faced intimidation and threats of violence, forcing the team to seek a mid-trial emergency protective order.

"The experience reaffirmed for me the power of advocacy to make a meaningful difference in people's lives," Lau said.

She has observed that enforcers are increasingly focused on pricing algorithms and data-sharing as potential forms of price-fixing. In October 2025, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 325, which prevents the use of algorithms to coordinate pricing among competitors and creates liability for efforts to coerce compliance with pricing tool recommendations.

Lau also focuses on advancing diversity and inclusion at Wilson Sonsini, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and other organizations supporting women and minority attorneys.