

Claude AI: Ownership and Jurisdiction

Overview

Claude is an AI assistant developed by **Anthropic, PBC** — an American artificial intelligence safety and research company. Anthropic is the sole owner of the Claude family of large language models (LLMs).

Corporate Identity

- **Full legal name:** Anthropic, PBC
- **Type:** Public Benefit Corporation (PBC)
- **Founded:** 2021
- **Headquarters:** San Francisco, California, United States
- **Status:** Privately held (not publicly traded)

Jurisdiction and Incorporation

Anthropic is incorporated in the **State of Delaware**, United States, under Delaware corporate law. Delaware's legal framework expressly permits the directors of a PBC to balance financial interests with a stated public benefit mission.

The company's stated public benefit purpose, as recorded in its certificate of incorporation, is to *"responsibly develop and maintain advanced AI for the long-term benefit of humanity."*

Ownership Structure

Anthropic has no single majority owner or parent company. Ownership is distributed among:

- **Founders** — Dario Amodei (CEO) and Daniela Amodei (President), along with co-founders Jack Clark, Jared Kaplan, Sam McCandlish, Tom Brown, and Catherine Olsson, all formerly of OpenAI.
- **Strategic corporate investors** — Most notably Amazon and Google, which have each made multi-billion-dollar investments, though Amazon holds no board seat that grants strategic control.
- **Venture capital firms** — Including Menlo Ventures, Spark Capital, and Salesforce Ventures, among others.
- **Employees** — Via equity grants.

Governance

Anthropic employs a novel two-layer governance structure:

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is elected by stockholders and oversees day-to-day corporate governance. Current members include Dario Amodei, Daniela Amodei, Yasmin Razavi, Jay Kreps, Reed Hastings, and Chris Liddell.

Long-Term Benefit Trust (LTBT)

The LTBT is an independent oversight body holding a special class of shares (**Class T Common Stock**). The Trust is a Delaware common law "purpose trust" — managed not for the benefit of beneficiaries, but for the achievement of Anthropic's safety mission. It has the power to elect a gradually increasing portion of the board (ultimately up to three of five directors), acting as a check against short-term commercial pressures overriding safety objectives.

Key Facts at a Glance

Attribute	Detail
Owner of Claude	Anthropic, PBC
Country of jurisdiction	United States
State of incorporation	Delaware
Operational HQ	San Francisco, California
Corporate form	Delaware Public Benefit Corporation
Publicly traded	No
Largest investors	Amazon, Google
Independent oversight	Long-Term Benefit Trust (LTBT)

References

- [Anthropic Company Page](#)
- [Long-Term Benefit Trust \(Anthropic\)](#)
- [Wikipedia — Anthropic](#)
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