



## CLARK H. COLE

### PARTNER

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Clark Cole is a trial lawyer whose practice is devoted exclusively to litigation. He has tried cases to verdict in 13 different state and federal jurisdictions.

Clark concentrates in the areas of insurance, commercial and personal injury litigation. His practice is equally divided between Missouri (admitted 1980) and Illinois (admitted 1981). He serves as leader of the firm's Insurance Coverage Litigation practice area and is a Fellow in the American College of Coverage Counsel.

### EDUCATION

- University of Missouri School of Law (J.D., 1980)
  - Order of the Coif
  - The Order of Barristers
  - Missouri Law Review (Note and Comment Editor)
  - Ike Skelton Trial Practice Award Recipient (1980)
  - The University of Missouri Law School Foundation (Member, Board of Trustees)
- Louisiana State University (B.A., 1977)
  - Alumni Service Award (1991)
  - St. Louis LSU Alumni Club (Former President)

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association (Chair, TIPS Health and Disability Insurance Law Committee 1998-99)
- American Bar Foundation (Fellow)
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (Chair, Reinsurance, Excess and Surplus Lines Section, 2008-2010; Trial Tactics, Practice & Procedures Section, 2004-05; Life, Health and Disability Section, 1995-98)
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute (Missouri State Representative, 2003-06)
- The Missouri Bar (Chair, Medical - Legal Relations Committee, 1997-98; Chair, Insurance Law Committee, 1990-92)
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (Former Director and President)
- Illinois State Bar Association

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Life, Health, Disability and  
ERISA Litigation

Insurance Coverage Litigation  
Litigation

Product Liability

Mass Tort and Catastrophic  
Loss

Noncompete and Trade  
Secrets

Class Action Litigation

### ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern  
District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Western  
District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Central  
District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern  
District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, District of  
Kansas

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh  
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth  
Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (Chair, Bench & Bar Committee, 1996-99)
- Madison and St. Clair County (Illinois) Bar Associations

## ACCOLADES

- American College of Coverage Counsel (Fellow)
- Ben Ely Outstanding Defense Lawyer Award, Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (2021)
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Commercial Litigation (2010-present); Insurance (2020-present)
- The Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>; Insurance Law, Litigation-Insurance and Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2007-present); Lawyer of the Year (2012, 2016, 2019)
- Martindale-Hubbell and American Lawyer Media (ALM) Top Rated Lawyer, Healthcare and Commercial Litigation (2012, 2013); AV<sup>®</sup> Peer Rated
- Defense Research Institute's State Leadership Award (2006)
- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup> (2008-2016); Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>, Business Edition (2011-present)

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

2024

**ERISA Survey of Federal Circuits, 2024 Edition, Chapter Eight**

2018

**Chapter 8 ("Eighth Circuit"), ERISA Summary of Federal Circuits**

published by the American Bar Association

May 26, 2017

**Statutory Changes Promise Procedural Relief from Bad Faith Set-ups in Missouri**

2017

**Kansas Chapter, The Law of Life Insurance: Key Issues in Each State**

published by the Defense Research Institute

2016

**Missouri Chapter, Duty to Defend - A Fifty State Primer**

published by the Defense Research Institute

2014

**Missouri Chapter, Writing a Reservation of Rights: A North American Compendium**

published by the Defense Research Institute

January 1, 2014

**Missouri, Illinois and Kansas Chapters, Misrepresentation in the Life, Health and Disability Insurance Application Process: A National Survey**  
published by the American Bar Association

## **EVENTS**

June 21, 2019

**Hot Topics in Life Insurance Litigation**

*Association of Fraternal Benefits Counsel (AFBC) 49th Annual Meeting*

July 18, 2018

**48th Annual Meeting of the Association of Fraternal Benefit Counsel (AFBC)**

*Toronto, Canada*