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Susan J. Cole, has been a trial lawyer for more than forty years. In addition to defending alleged bullying, sexual assault and harassment matters, she has defended many product liability, construction defect, negligence, wrongful death and medical malpractice trials. She has tried more than 100 cases in her career. She is recognized as one of the leading asbestos defense counsel in the United States on the issues of medical causation and the “science” of complex injury cases and is often called upon on the eve of trial to assist defendants with the cross examination of medical and scientific experts.

Mrs. Cole is a frequent presenter at professional conferences, on many aspects of tort litigation and ethics. She teaches at the annual Advanced Trial Advocacy Workshop for a week each year, in service to the Florida Bar Trial Lawyers’ section. . In addition to her busy practice, Mrs. Cole volunteers countless hours yearly, in service on the Executive Board of the Florida Foundation for Future Scientists, helping to run the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair every year.

Mrs. Cole is a graduate of the University of Miami, where she earned a BS in Biology and Chemistry, an MS in Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, and served as an Assistant Professor in the Chemistry Department. She is admitted to practice in all Florida state courts, all federal district courts in Florida, and before the Fifth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal. In addition, Mrs. Cole is a Florida Supreme Court certified circuit court mediator. She is a member of the Florida Bar’s Board of Legal Education and Specialization (where she served as vice-chair), the National Board of Trial Advocates, the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, the American Chemical Society, and American Association for the Advancement of Science. Mrs. Cole is AV Pre Eminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is rated 10/10 by AVVO. She is a board certified Civil Trial Lawyer and previously served as the Chair of the Florida Bar committee for civil trial board certification. In every year since 2006, she has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list by Thomson Reuters. In April of 2019, Mrs. Cole was inducted into the national Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame, housed at Temple University in Pennsylvania.