

Charles Cole

Charles Cole began his law career almost 40 years ago and now practices as a partner with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, a national firm of almost 1,100 attorneys specializing in complex litigation and civil trial work.

Charles has been a member of the IADC for more than 25 years. He has lectured extensively, most notably as a Faculty Member and as the Director of the prestigious IADC Trial Academy at the Stanford Law School in 2013. Charles has been admitted to practice in the State of Illinois, in the United States District Court, in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and in numerous other states pursuant to a *pro haec vice* petitions.

As an undergraduate, he studied engineering and math, working toward a degree in chemical engineering—training that has proven beneficial when advising clients on scientific, medical and technical matters. Ultimately Charles pursued a B.S. in psychology, which has helped him select juries, gain insight into the background of his legal adversaries and analyze the traits of the people he encounters in the course of his work.

Unusual for anyone, Charles also trained in drama and improvisational comedy at Chicago's famed Second City. He maintained his own improvisational comedy troupe for about a year and appeared in a number of musical comedies, a background he believes enhances his performance before judges and juries.