

Biography



James L. Cole

*Vice Chairman and CEO
Country Club Trust Company
Kansas City, Missouri*

Present Position:

Vice Chairman and CEO

History:

Jim is an attorney who was in private practice for several years before entering the trust industry. Jim's legal career and the start of his trust career were in North Carolina, where he lived for 10 years. Jim moved to Kansas City in 1981 and spent 17 years at the former First National Bank of Kansas City, which became Bank of America, before Jim left to join the Country Club Bank organization.

In Jim's trust career, he has consulted with literally thousands of bank customers concerning estate and financial planning issues. He has spoken on numerous occasions in seminars and continuing education programs to lawyers, bankers, other trust professionals and lay groups concerning various trust topics.

Originally from upstate New York, Jim received his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Geneseo. He holds his law degree from Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

Jim is extremely involved in charitable and professional activities. He is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and the Estate Planning Society of Kansas City. He is past chair of Leave a Legacy, past-president of the Mid-America Planned Giving Council, past president of Visiting Nurses Association and the VNA Foundation, past president of the Corporate Fiduciaries Association in Kansas City, past chair of the Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium, and past chair of the Planned Giving Council for Park University. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Estate Planning Symposium, on the Executive Committee of the Planned Giving Advisory Committee for Children's Mercy Hospital, and on the Professional Advisory Council Executive Committee of Truman Medical Center.

Jim has been admitted to practice law in Missouri, Kansas and North Carolina.