



## Charles E. Jones

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### **PRACTICE AREAS:** Professional Liability, Litigation

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Charles provides skilled, discerning, and ethical advocacy for, and advice to, professionals and companies. As a Co-Chair of Moss & Barnett's nationally acclaimed Professional Liability team, he focuses his practice on defending lawyers and accountants against malpractice and other professional liability actions, and on assisting professionals with licensing and compliance issues. Charles also advises CPAs and lawyers in risk management, compliance, and other issues. Additionally, he represents insurers in coverage issues and businesses in commercial litigation matters. Charles is a frequent speaker on limiting liability risk and professional ethics to CPAs and lawyers.

Charles' litigation achievements span a wide range of state and federal courtrooms. He has handled cases in more than 35 state and federal jurisdictions throughout the United States and is currently licensed to practice in the state courts of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. In all of his cases, Charles uses his depth of experience to obtain the best possible results for his clients while also helping them understand the complexities and risks associated with the litigation process.

Charles' practice outside of Moss & Barnett includes having served as the General Counsel of a national CPA firm, chairing the professional liability practice group of a different Minnesota law firm, and working as the associate general counsel for a Minnesota-based software development and consulting company.

### **Reported Opinions/Recent Cases**

- *Willow Run Partners v. Hillstrom, et al.*, No. A21-0404 (Minn. App. Jan. 31, 2022)
- *Mittelstaedt v. Henney*, 969 N.W.2d 634 (Minn. 2022) (authored *amicus curiae* brief)
- *Everest Stables, Inc. v. Foley & Mansfield LLP*, No. A20-1514 (Minn. App. Sept. 7, 2021)
- *JTF Aviation Holdings Inc. v. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP*, 249 Ariz. 510, 472 P.3d 526 (Ariz. 2020), 247 Ariz. 78, 445 P.3d 1043 (Ariz. App. 2019)
- *Feldman, et al. v. Farris, et al.*, 2018 WL 4373754 (unpublished), (Wis. App. Sept. 13, 2018)

- *Dow Family, LLC v. Sawyer Cty Abstract & Title Co., Inc., et al.*, 383 Wis.2d 601 (unpublished), 20148 WI App. 45 (Wis. App. June 26, 2018)
- *EPIC v. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP*, 199 Wash.App. 257, 402 P.3d 320 (Wash. App. 2017)
- *Roseland v. Wentzell*, 864 N.W.2d 356 (Minn. App. 2015)
- *Afremov v. Sulloway & Hollis, PLLC*, 922 F. Supp. 2d 800 (D. Minn. Feb. 7, 2013)
- *Ames & Fischer Co., II, LLP v. McDonald*, 798 N.W.2d 557 (Minn. App. 2011)
- *Corry v. Analysts Int'l Corp.*, 215 F.3d 1336 (unpublished), 2000 WL 725746 (10th Cir. June 6, 2000)
- *Diocese of Winona v. Interstate Fire & Cas. Co.*, 89 F.3d 1386 (8th Cir. 1996)

## Education

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D.; *cum laude*

Carleton College, B.A.; *cum laude*

## Classes / Seminars Taught

- “Lessons from the Professional Liability Front: Claims Can Happen to You” (December 2017)
- “Accountants’ Risk: Walking the Tightrope,” (August 2016)
- “Advanced Expert Witness Tactics,” National Business Institute (November 2009 and October 2008)
- “Lawyer’s Risk Control: Building a Solid Foundation” (August 2009)
- “Malpractice Risks for CPAs: Navigating the New Frontier” (August 2009)
- “Employment Practices Liability,” Professional Liability Underwriting Society (September 2008)

## Admissions

Minnesota

North Dakota

South Dakota

Wisconsin

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth District

## **Honors & Recognitions**

*The Best Lawyers in America* (2021-2022)

*Minnesota Super Lawyers* (2014-2022)

*Minnesota Rising Stars* (2001)

## **News**

Attorney Charles E. Jones Rejoins Moss & Barnett  
10.11.2023

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2022

*The Best Lawyers in America*, 08.19.2021

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our 2021 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars*  
07.20.2021

Fifteen Moss & Barnett Lawyers Named to 2021 *Best Lawyers*® List  
*The Best Lawyers in America*, 08.20.2020

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Listed to Minnesota “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars” Lists for 2020  
07.20.2020

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Named to Minnesota “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars” Lists for 2019  
07.05.2019

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Named to Minnesota “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars” Lists for 2018  
07.05.2018

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Named to Minnesota "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars" Lists for 2017  
07.05.2017

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Named to Minnesota "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars" Lists for 2016  
07.05.2016

## Speaking Engagements

**Moss & Barnett's Upper Midwest CPA Firm Summit**, in partnership with the Minnesota Society of CPAs (MNCPA) (St. Cloud, MN)  
The Regency, 912 West Saint Germain Street, Suite 204, St. Cloud, MN 56301, May 9, 2024

**Moss & Barnett's Upper Midwest CPA Firm Summit**, in partnership with the Minnesota Society of CPAs (MNCPA) (Minneapolis, MN)  
Fifth Street Towers Engage Conference Center, 150 South Fifth Street, Third Floor | 150 Tower, Minneapolis, MN 55402, May 2, 2024

Recent Accounting Malpractice Decisions, Trends, and What to Expect  
Grand Hyatt Denver, 1750 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado, 09.29.2023

Moss & Barnett is Pleased to Sponsor Accountants' Liability 2019  
Washington, D.C., 10.17.2019

Moss & Barnett is Pleased to Sponsor Accountants' Liability 2018  
Accountants' Liability 2018 Presented by ALI-CLE, Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel, Washington, D.C., 10.18.2018

Charles E. Jones and Moss & Barnett are Luncheon Sponsor of 2017 MNCPA Tax Conference  
63rd Annual MNCPA Tax Conference, Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN, 11.30.2017

## Publications

Understanding the Corporate Transparency Act  
*Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company*, 02.15.2024

Planning for the Worst: Who Needs a Practice Continuation Agreement?  
*Footnote, a publication of The Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants\** (December 2023/ January 2024), 12.04.2023

A Contract Game – Use these tips to delve in  
*Footnote, a publication of the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants\**, 11.26.2018

## **Professional Associations**

American Bar Association

Minnesota State Bar Association

Hennepin County Bar Association

Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers

Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association

Professional Liability Defense Federation

Former member, Minnesota Supreme Court – Fourth Judicial District Ethics Committee

## **Community Involvement**

Charles is a member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Mendota Heights, Minnesota. Over the years, he has been actively involved in a number of community organizations, including youth athletics; Friends of FANA, Minnesota (a nonprofit organization established to provide support and assistance for the FANA orphanage in Bogota, Colombia, and to families who have adopted from FANA); and the Minnesota Justice Foundation.