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Practice Areas

- Automobile Accident Defense
- Bad Faith
- Commercial Lines (Premises Liability)
- Personal Lines (Premises Liability)
- Transportation Defense
- Trusts, Wills, and Estates
- UM/UIM
- Wrongful Death Defense

Charles F. Albrecht currently handles cases in auto litigation, UM/UIM, construction, commercial transportation, wrongful death, employment law, premises liability, product liability, and subrogation. He is frequently asked to present at industry conferences on matters of bodily injury and transportation.

Before joining Kopka Pinkus Dolin, Charles represented multi-employer benefit funds in ERISA litigation, where he focused on employment law and subrogation matters. Graduating from Valparaiso University School of Law, Charles earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Indiana University—Kelley School of Business. Throughout law school, Charles clerked for the Honorable Richard Stalbrink in LaPorte County Superior Court. He also participated in the International Moot Court Society—Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot Court Competition in Oxford, England.

Articles

- “Federal Court in Indiana Limits Insurer’s Contractual Right to Select Defense Counsel”
- “Indiana Supreme Court Rejects Claim for Sports Injury”
- “Should You Consider a Nurse Practitioner as an Expert?”

Memberships

- International Moot Court Society-The Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot Court Competition, Oxford, England

- Lake County Bar Association

Presentations and Publications

- “Traumatic Brain Injuries,” client presentation (March 2023)
- “Utilization of Accident Resources at the Scene and the Empathic Approach,” TIDA Cargo & Skills Course Seminar (March 2023)
- “Introduction to Experts,” TIDA Cargo & Skills Course Seminar (March 2022)
- “Should You Consider a Nurse Practitioner as an Expert?” (September 2017)
- “Indiana Supreme Court Rejects Claim for Sports Injury” (March 2017)

Trial and Case Highlights

- In a recent Northwest Indiana jury trial, Charles assisted in achieving a defense verdict in Federal Court. He and Partner Thomas Ehrhardt defended a prominent transportation company against a woman who sustained massive injuries, including facial and dental reconstruction, with medical damages exceeding \$240,000 when a truck hit the disabled car in which she was a passenger. The plaintiff's counsel asked the jury for \$2,200,000; the pre-trial offer was \$50,000.
- Charles was instrumental in obtaining a defense verdict in a case alleging two wrongful death claims arising out of a propane gas explosion. Our firm represented a propane gas supplier and HVAC repair service company. The plaintiffs were the estates of the two decedents. The allegations were improper installation, servicing, and maintenance of the propane gas system and negligent repair of the furnace. Plaintiffs' counsel requested \$2,000,000 from the jury for their verdict request.

Admissions

- Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Education

- Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D.
- Indiana University-Kelley School of Business, B.S.