



Donna Fujimoto Cole
President and Chief Executive Officer
Cole Chemical & Distributing, Inc.
(Houston, Texas)

Donna Fujimoto Cole founded Cole Chemical in 1980 at the age of 27, divorced with a four-year old daughter with \$5,000 from savings.

In 2014, \$85 million in chemical sales and chemical supply chain management solutions to a wide range of customers and industries. Customers include: Bayer Material Scientific, BP America, Chevron, ExxonMobil, Lockheed Martin, Procter & Gamble, Shell, Spectra Energy and Toyota.

ICIS ranks chemical distributors and Cole Chemical is number 131 globally and has received numerous quality awards from Fortune 500 companies and the SBA.

Ms. Cole was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009 by Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce and recognized as a Junior Achievement Laureate. 2010 recognized as a Breakfast of Champions by the Harris County Education Department. 2010 one of Houston's 50 Most Influential Women by Houston Woman Magazine. In 2013 in the Top 10 Minority owned businesses in Houston by the Houston Business Journal. 2013 selected as a Who's Who of Asian Americans. In 2014 Ms. Cole received The Japanese Ministries of Foreign Affairs recognition for her work bridging US Japan relations.

Ms. Cole was accepted to be on the Board of US Japan Council and the Advisory Board of Women Energy Network. She has served on many national, regional, advisory boards and currently serves on the Center for Asian Pacific American Women Board, Advisory board of University of St Thomas, Rice University's Chao Center for Asian Studies, The Women's Home, and the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council Board and Executive Advisory Board. She also served on President George H. Bush President's Export Council in 1991-93.

Ms. Cole attended Pan American University and The Amos Tuck School of Business Minority Business Executive Program and graduated from Manpower Business Training Institute of Technology.

Community service projects includes: Building a Pipeline for the Sciences, The All Earth Ecobot Challenge, Dismantling the Cradle to Prison Pipeline, and Building a Leadership Pipeline for Asian Women. Working with the National Veterans Network's Congressional Gold Medal, Exhibit Tour through the United States and Smithsonian Exhibit in recognition of the Japanese American soldiers serving in the 100th, 442nd, MIS during WWII.

An Asian Pacific American Women's Leadership Institute Fellow in 1996, the Center for Houston's Future class of 2005, A Japanese American Leadership Delegate in 2006, American Jewish Committee's Asian Leadership Delegation to Israel in 2007, and American Leadership Forum Class of XXV.

She is a Co-founder of Pantheon of Women, a production company telling stories of strong women in film and television to change the way men treat and perceive women and how young girls see themselves. Through good role models and education women and young girls can empower themselves, lift up their families, help their communities and even change their countries.

When not working in her businesses, Ms. Cole enjoys cooking, travel and golf as well as mentoring and building ethical, caring and compassionate leaders for the future and giving back to community.