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### Services

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Vincent H. Cohen, Jr., focuses on high-stakes litigation on behalf of individuals and corporations. As an experienced trial lawyer and investigator, he represents clients in sensitive government and internal investigations, government enforcement matters, and complex civil and criminal litigation on a domestic and international scale.

Mr. Cohen is the former acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. Prior to leading the largest U.S. Attorney's Office in the nation, Mr. Cohen served as the Office's Principal Assistant United States Attorney for five years. During his tenure, he oversaw the investigation and prosecution of cases involving a wide variety of federal crimes, including terrorism, financial and health care fraud, homicide, public corruption, money laundering, and cyber-security. He helped establish and expand the U.S. Attorney's Office's Cyber Unit to prosecute cross border cyber-crimes such as cyber frauds committed against multinational corporations, and insider trading schemes that obtained confidential information through cyber breaches. Mr. Cohen's experience as a federal prosecutor also includes work on high-profile national security trials, leading an internal task force committed to prosecuting federal public corruption matters, and working in partnership with federal and local law enforcement agencies to reduce violent crime in the District of Columbia.

While serving as acting U.S. Attorney, Mr. Cohen was appointed by Attorney General Loretta Lynch as a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, a small group of U.S. Attorneys from across the country who provide advice and counsel to the Attorney General on policy, management and operational issues.

Mr. Cohen joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1997 as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal and Civil Divisions. Six years later, he joined a leading international law firm, where he advised clients on a broad range of complex legal issues. Before returning to the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2010, Mr. Cohen served as a partner at a boutique law firm specializing in high-stakes litigation for individuals and corporations.

Throughout his career, Mr. Cohen has been consistently recognized for his professional accomplishments. He is recognized by *Chambers USA* as a leading lawyer in the area of White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations for the District of Columbia and is listed by *Legal 500 US* for Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense. He was named a Rainmaker by MCCA in 2019 for being an exceptional diverse attorney whose business acumen, passion and dedication to proactive client development set him apart as a leader in the legal profession. In 2018 he was named one of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America by *Lawdragon* and was also listed as one of *Savoy Magazine's* Most Influential Black Lawyers. Mr. Cohen was honored with the 2018 Diversity Leader Award by *Profiles in Diversity Journal* for his commitment to diversity. The award series honors companies and individuals who create, develop and promote programs that support diversity and inclusion. Mr. Cohen, who leads Dechert's Black Affinity Group, has worked to promote and safeguard a comprehensive commitment to diversity since he joined Dechert. Mr. Cohen has also received the Director's Award from the United States Secret Service for his contribution and commitment to the principles of responsible law enforcement and Walker Memorial Baptist Church recognized him with the Public Service and Humanitarian Award for his work in ensuring equal justice for the people of Washington, D.C. through his selfless community involvement.

In 2015, Mr. Cohen received the inaugural Syracuse Law Honors Award from the College of Law, for his distinguished achievement in the legal profession during his time as acting U.S. Attorney. That same year, he received the Director's Award from the United States Secret Service for his contribution and commitment to the principles of responsible law enforcement and Walker Memorial Baptist Church recognized him with the Public Service and Humanitarian Award for his work in ensuring equal justice for the people of Washington, D.C. through his selfless community involvement. In 2014, he received the Presidential Star Award from the National Bar Association for his contributions in the field of law and in 2010, he was identified as one of the "Nation's Best Advocate's: 40 Lawyers Under the Age of 40." In 2008, Mr. Cohen received the Chancellor's Citation for Distinguished Alumni Achievement from Syracuse University and as an AUSA from 1997 to 2003, Mr. Cohen received a number of special achievement awards for outstanding performance including awards from the Attorney General of the United States, as well as from the Offices of Inspector General of the Department of State and the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Cohen serves as an instructor teaching trial advocacy at Harvard Law School's Trial Advocacy Workshop and is a frequent lecturer at Syracuse University, Georgetown University and Harvard law schools. He has served as General Counsel and remains an active member of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. (Greater Washington), an organization focused on improving the quality of life of minority youth in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area through programs focusing on health and wellness, economic empowerment, education, and mentoring. Mr. Cohen recently spoke on the topic of combatting corruption to a contingent of Brazilian prosecutors through the State Department's International Visitors Leadership Program on Transnational Crime and Anti-Corruption.

Mr. Cohen's arrival to the firm was noted by many publications including *Law360*, *The National Association of Former United States Attorneys*, *Legal Bisnow*, *National Law Journal*, *New York Daily News*, *The Washington Post*, *Washington Business Journal*, and *JD Journal*.

## EDUCATION

- Syracuse University, B.A., 1992
- Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., 1995

## ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- New Jersey
- Supreme Court of the United States

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Board of Governors, Washington Bar Association
- National Association of Former United States Attorneys
- Advisory Committee of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia
- The Innocence Project Lawyers Committee
- National Bar Association
- National Black Prosecutor's Association
- 100 Black Men of America, Inc.
- The Sidwell Friends School Alumni Committee
- Board Member, Syracuse University Chancellor's Advisory Board
- Member, Syracuse University Office of Multicultural Advancement Advisory Council

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **The Embassy Law Series: Criminal Proceedings in the U.S.** — Washington, D.C. ( June 25, 2019)

- **Anatomy of a Trial, The Rosenberg Spy Case** — American College of Trial Lawyers and the ABA Litigation Section (May 1, 2019)
- **Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA)** — 2019 Rainmaker Award Recipient (March 2019)
- **National Bar Association 2018 Wiley Branton Symposium** — Facebook HQ, Menlo Park, CA (November 9, 2018)
- **Media, Artificial Intelligence and the Internet of Things Bloomberg Law Leadership Forum** — New York (May 23, 2018)

Speaker, Anti-Corruption Compliance panel

- **Defending FCPA Compliance Programs to the Agencies** — ACI Annual Conference on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, National Harbor, MD (November 30, 2017)
- **Community Law: Attorneys Impacting Diverse Communities Through Law** — Syracuse University - Coming Back Together, Syracuse, NY (September 15, 2017)

Moderator, "Community Law: Attorneys Impacting Diverse Communities Through Law."

- **2017 '40 Under 40' Nation's Best Advocate Awards Gala** — National Bar Association, Toronto (August 2, 2017)

Keynote speaker.

- **Managing a Corporate Crisis: Strategies for Isolating a Crisis and Controlling the Public Narrative While Meeting Your Ethical Obligations and Maintaining Privilege** — In-House Toolkit: The Nuts and Bolts Presented by ACC of NYC, New York, NY (June 15, 2017)
- **The Perfect Storm: An Update on the Convergence of Criminal and Civil Litigation** — Greater Philadelphia ACC In-House Counsel Conference, Philadelphia, PA (April 27, 2017)
- **From the Boardroom to the Courtroom - A Price Worth Paying?** - Omaha, NE (March 22, 2017)
- **The State of Policing in Black America** — Washington Bar Association, Washington, DC (January 14, 2017)

Speaker, "The State of Policing in Black America."

- **FCPA Compliance Program Lab, 33rd International Conference on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act** — American Conference Institute, Washington, DC (November 29, 2016)
- **Regulation and Anti-Corruption – How to Manage Risk within Your Organisation** — FinanceAsia's 5th Compliance Summit Asia, Hong Kong (November 17, 2016)

Speaker, "Regulation and Anti-corruption – How to Manage Risk within Your Organisation."

- **4 Cs : Essentials for Corporate Compliance and Cooperation Credit** — The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, Hong Kong (November 15, 2016)

Speaker on various topics, including: Regulatory enforcement in Asia and the United States, how regulators worldwide focus increasingly on directors and decision-makers

when prosecuting companies, and how local compliance risks can lead to global enforcement.

- **Anti-Corruption and Investigations** — Compliance Summit Southeast Asia, Singapore (August 24, 2016)
- **Roundtable Discussion on Enforcement Trends** - Singapore (August 23, 2016)
- **From the Boardroom to the Courtroom - "A Price Worth Paying?"** - Louisville, KY (May 19, 2016)