



Barry Cohen

Partner

Barry Cohen is a Partner who serves as Chair of our Environmental Law Practice Group. For over thirty-five years, Mr. Cohen has counseled clients in a wide array of environmental matters.

He devotes a significant portion of his practice to matters involving contaminated properties. In this regard, Mr. Cohen represents clients in connection with the investigation and remediation of contaminated properties, the redevelopment of Brownfield sites, and litigation commenced under the federal Superfund Law, the New York State Navigation Law, and other federal and state environmental statutes and theories.

Mr. Cohen also represents members of the regulated community in matters commenced by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and local environmental and health agencies. He has represented parties in matters involving leaking underground storage tanks, air emissions, industrial discharges, community right-to-know reporting, the management and abatement of asbestos-containing materials, petroleum spills and the handling, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous chemicals, hazardous waste and pesticides.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Cohen was a Partner in the Environmental Practice Group of another law firm. He also worked for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and interned in the Environmental Protection Bureau at the State Attorney General's Office.

He earned his Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law, where he was the President of the Environmental Law Society and the founder and a contributing editor of the Hofstra Environmental Law Digest. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ithaca College.

Mr. Cohen co-chairs the Suffolk County Bar Association's Environmental Law Committee. He previously served on the Boards of the Long Island Housing Partnership, Three Village Youth Lacrosse and the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, and also served on the "Good Earth Gala" committee for Cornell University's Cooperative Extension. Currently, Mr. Cohen serves on the Board of the Long Island Metropolitan Lacrosse Foundation, and volunteers for Good Shepherd Hospice.

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Representative Matters

- Representation of multiple defendants in litigation involving groundwater contaminated with emerging contaminants.
 - Representation of a Bona Fide Prospective Purchasers in connection with a State Superfund site in Northport, N.Y.
 - Representation of a purchaser in the State Brownfield Cleanup Program in connection with a site in Syosset, N.Y.
 - Representation of a manufacturer in a groundwater contamination cost recovery action commenced by a water district located in Plainview, N.Y.
 - Representation of plaintiff in a State Navigation Law a cost-recovery action against a major U.S. petroleum company involving property in Brooklyn, N.Y.
 - Representation of several defendants in the multi-district In re MTBE litigation.
 - Representation of potentially responsible parties in CERCLA cost recovery matters involving the Port Washington, Syosset, Huntington, Babylon and Hempstead Town landfills.
 - Representation of a commercial property owners in a multi-party CERCLA cost recovery action involving property in New Cassel, N.Y.
 - Representation of a potentially responsible party and joint defense group member in a CERCLA cost recovery matter involving the Mattiace Petrochemical site in Glenwood Landing, N.Y.
 - Representation of the Bethpage water district in a groundwater contamination cost recovery matter involving the U.S. Department of the Navy.
 - Representation of a Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser in connection with the purchase of an NPL in Old Bethpage, N.Y.
 - Representation of a Hauppauge, N.Y. manufacturer in an USEPA multi-media enforcement matter involving violations of the Clean Air Act, RCRA and the Clean Water Act.
 - Provided advice to a Hauppauge, N.Y. electronics manufacturer concerning compliance with the WEEE and RoHS Directives.
 - Provides ongoing representation to the owner of multiple New York State gas station properties in connection with compliance with federal, state and local regulatory requirements.
 - Representation of a commercial property owner and a nation-wide not-for-profit organization in connection with former manufactured gas plant sites located in Staten Island and Brooklyn, N.Y.
 - Representation of a Fortune 50 company in connection with the investigation and remediation of a Hicksville, N.Y. State Superfund site contaminated with solvents, heavy metals and radioactive materials.
 - Representation of Long Island health care facilities and owners of commercial and multi-family residential properties in connection with the assessment and abatement of asbestos-containing materials.
 - Representation of an applicant in connection with the siting and permitting of a hazardous waste management landfill in Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 - Representation of property owners in the New York City-metropolitan area in connection with violations of the New York State tidal and freshwater wetland requirements.
 - Representation of multiple lenders in connection with environmental matters.
 - Designed and coordinated environmental compliance audits at regulated facilities including a vitamin manufacturer, a circuit board manufacturer, metal finishing businesses and health care facilities.
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