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Practice Areas

- Insurance/Reinsurance
- Litigation

Harry P. Cohen is a partner at Crowell & Moring LLP and is a member of the Insurance/Reinsurance group in the New York office. For the past 27 years, Mr. Cohen's practice has been devoted almost entirely to reinsurance dispute resolution.

Mr. Cohen has represented and counseled insurance and reinsurance companies, brokers, agents and others in negotiations, mediations, arbitrations and litigations in matters involving virtually every procedural and substantive issue that relates to the reinsurance relationship and the servicing of that relationship, as well as all issues arising under the Federal Arbitration Act. This has included workers' compensation reinsurance, including carve-out and buy-down covers, pre-need and final expense life insurance, finite reinsurance, novations and commutations, fronting arrangements, spirals and arbitrage, agency and brokerage disputes, captive insurance and reinsurance arrangements, environmental reinsurance allocations, set-off, extracontractual obligations, follow-the-fortunes and follow-the-settlements, IBNR recoverability, late notice, London Market business and brokers, punitive damages, recovery of declaratory judgment expenses, direct and reinsurance pooling arrangements, security requirements, and service of process upon, and enforcement of judgments against, alien companies. In addition to the reinsurance work, Mr. Cohen has handled direct insurance defense cases, complex coverage disputes, insurance bankruptcy matters, and disputes between insurance companies and their agents in the property & casualty, life, and accident & health areas.

Mr. Cohen's experience and expertise - ranging from simple business analyses and counseling to managing complex litigation - includes a thorough and extremely broad-based understanding of the wide scope of business, legal, custom & practice, procedural and strategic issues facing reinsurance business professionals. This depth of knowledge and diversity of perspectives allows him to approach, address and resolve issues, problems and disputes in a sound, prudent, efficient and level-headed manner.

Mr. Cohen has been listed in *Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers* (since 1998), *Chambers USA's America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (since 2006), and *New York Super Lawyers - Manhattan Edition* (since 2006), and he has been named by his peers to be included in the *International Who's Who of Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers* (since 2005). Mr. Cohen received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a Juris Doctor from the Boston University School of Law.

Education

- State University of New York at Stony Brook, B.A. (1978) Economics
- Boston University School of Law, J.D. (1981)

Affiliations

Admitted to practice: New York; Massachusetts; U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York and the District of Connecticut; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Circuits.

Alerts & Newsletters

- "Third Circuit Court of Appeals Holds that Honorable Engagement Clause Does Not Permit Arbitrators to Fashion Relief Not Requested by the Parties or Rationally Derived from the Contract," *Reinsurance Alert* (November 11, 2010). Contacts: Jennifer R. Devery, Harry P. Cohen, Michelle A. Jones.
- "U.S. House of Representatives Passes Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act, Encouraging Consistency in the Regulation of Surplus Lines Insurance and Reinsurance," *Reinsurance Alert* (September 17, 2009). Contacts: William C. O'Neill, Deirdre G. Johnson, Jennifer R. Devery, Michael T. Carolan, Harry P. Cohen.

Speaking Engagements

- St. John's SRM, Insurance Leader of the Year Annual Award Dinner Honoring Evan G. Greenberg, New York, NY (January 18, 2012). Attendees: Paul W. Kalish, William C. O'Neill, Clifford B. Hendler, Harry P. Cohen, Michael K. Robles, Jennifer R. Devery.
- "Climate Change Litigation, Weather Events and Reinsurance Claim Handling," presented at ReClaims: Reinsurance Claims Management for Claims Professionals by Claims Professionals, New York, N.Y.

biography

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(September 2008). Co-Speakers: Ellen MacDonald Farrell and Harry Cohen.