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**Expert
Profile:**

Hon. STEVEN COHEN (Retired) is an Attorney, Administrative Law Judge, and President and CEO of a Santa Monica-based property management and development company. He has provided litigation support and has served as expert for Construction Defects and Real Estate standards of care and duty for the past 30 years.

Judge Cohen has the distinction of being one of the very few industry experts who is a retired Administrative Law Judge and an attorney while holding two Contractor's licenses and a Real Estate Broker's license.

Judge Cohen holds an MBA and has been formally trained in standard accounting procedures, fiduciary duties, tax preparation, corporate status (profit and non-profit), close corporations, financing, economic models, marketing and strategic planning. Judge Cohen also has extensive experience in trusts and estates with a focus on trustee duties of due care.

Judge Cohen has been licensed by Contractor's State License Board since 1985. He holds both a General Contractor and Electrical Contractor's classification (B, C10 & HIC). He has also been licensed by the Department of Real Estate since 1984 and currently holds a Real Estate Broker's License. Judge Cohen has extensive experience in Property Development, Property Management, Planning & Zoning, Building Code Compliance, Architectural Review Boards, Building & Safety Rules and Regulations and Rent Control ordinances.

Judge Cohen is certified by Mold Inspectors & Contractor's Institute as a Property Mold Specialist and holds a C.M.I. and C.M.R. designation in Toxic Mold.

Judge Cohen served as a senior Arbitrator for the Contractor's State License Board (CSLB) for 20 years and held the classification of "Master Arbitrator" through their tribunal administrator. He heard construction defect, poor workmanship and contract dispute cases through binding arbitration.

Education:

Judge Cohen earned a Bachelors of Science in Law (BSL) at Northwestern California University. His graduate work was in Economics, Business Strategy and Marketing for which he earned his Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Pepperdine University School of Business. He wrote a primer on Mortgage Philosophy and economics for his thesis. Judge Cohen earned his Graduate Level Certificate in Dispute Resolution (ABA approved) from Pepperdine University School of Law. He completed his law degree earning a Juris Doctor in Law & Jurisprudence (JD) at British American University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in California.

Judge Cohen has earned additional academic credit in the study of Real Estate Law, Real Estate Finance, Appraisal, Real Estate Practice, Principles and Ethics.

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