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Expert
Profile:

Hon. STEVEN COHEN is a retired Administrative Law Judge, an Attorney 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, lease analysis, CAM charge preparation, corporate status (profit and non-profit), close corporations, financing, economic models, marketing and strategic planning. Judge Cohen is also a FINRA Arbitrator and 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 holds a Real Estate Broker's License and has been qualified as an expert in real estate standards of care, broker and agent's disclosures, broker and agent's duties, and transfer disclosures. He has also served as a neutral "730 Evaluation Expert" for the Courts. Judge Cohen has extensive experience in Property Development, Property Management, Planning & Zoning, Building Code Compliance, Habitability requirements, LAHD regulations, Architectural Review Boards, Building & Safety Rules, and Rent Control ordinances.

Judge Cohen is also certified by Mold Inspectors & Contractor's Institute as a Property Mold Specialist and additionally has an EPA RRP Lead Certification.

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 Bachelor's of Science in Law (BSL) at Northwestern California University. His graduate work was in Economics, Business Strategy and Marketing for which he earned his Master's 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.