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Bio

Samuel E. Cohen focuses his practice on commercial litigation, employment litigation, and business disputes. He provides creative, effective, and cost-efficient legal services to individuals, small businesses, large corporations, and municipalities in transactions, employment matters, product warranties, and zoning disputes. His honest and straightforward style has resulted in building long-term relationships with his clients.

Clients across a wide variety of industries including insurance, construction, banking, retail, real estate, media and publishing, and health care are represented by Sam. He has successfully litigated claims founded in breach of contract, employment discrimination, and premise liability defense, and he helps clients pursue civil litigation matters in the areas of debt collection and tax assessment appeals.

In addition to litigating disputes, Sam frequently consults with his business clients on managing risk and litigation avoidance tactics. He also supports the firm's municipal clients, is co-chair of the Litigation Practice Group, and currently serves as Assistant Solicitor to Lehigh County.

In 2020 and 2021, Sam was named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list for his accomplishments as a business litigator. Previously, he was named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars lists from 2014-2019, a distinction reserved for no more than 2.5% of young attorneys in Pennsylvania.

Within the community, Sam serves on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross Pennsylvania Rivers chapter. In 2019, he was honored as one of Lehigh Valley Business's Forty Under 40, an award recognizing young professionals who are making an impact within their companies and in the business community.

Areas of Practice

- Business
- Employment
 - Employee Employment Matters
- Litigation
 - Collection/Judgment Enforcement
 - Commercial/Construction Litigation
 - Federal Litigation
 - Insurance Defense
 - Land Use Dispute
 - Landlord and Tenant Matters
 - Mediation and Arbitration
- Code Enforcement
- Liens/Appeals
- Right to Know
- Tax Assessment Appeals
- Zoning Matters
- Commercial & Industrial RE Transactions
- Municipal Easements
- Deed Preparation
- Deed/Title Issues
- Real Estate Loan Docs
- Residential Real Estate Transactions

Education

- Suffolk University Law School, J.D., 2006
- Colgate University, B.A., 2002

Professional Associations

- Lehigh County Assistant Solicitor
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Bar Association of Lehigh County
- Northampton County Bar Association
- Lehigh County Arbitrator
- Northampton County Arbitrator
- Donald E. Wieand Barrister's Inn
- Lehigh Valley Clubmen's Association, Past Solicitor
- Upper Milford Township Zoning, Hearing Board, Alternate Member

Community Involvement

- American Red Cross, Pennsylvania Rivers Chapter, Board Member
- Brookside Country Club, Board of Directors
- Moravian Academy Alumni Board, Former Member and Past President
- Lehigh Valley Arts Council, Former Member of the Board of Directors
- LVHN, Board of Associates
- Allentown Chamber of Commerce, Former Board Member
- Moravian Academy Board of Trustees, Former Member

Presentations

- Gross McGinley Presents Realtor Seminar on Tax Assessment Appeals
- Gross McGinley's Litigation Group Presents to Northampton County Bar Association

Representative Matters

- Successfully gained the City of Allentown Zoning Hearing Board's approval of the Hispanic American Organization's proposal to offer Drug and Alcohol counseling services at their location on west Walnut Street in Allentown.
- Successfully represented building owner before the Allentown Zoning Hearing Board, obtaining requested relief that would allow a new tenant even though the existing parking lot does not have enough spaces according to the City's zoning ordinance. Relief was granted based on the fact that the hours of operation for the new and existing tenant complimented each other.
- Obtained favorable verdict, following a two-week jury trial, for an employee who was subjected to gender and disability discrimination in the workplace.
- Represented a landlord in enforcing the provisions of a lease when tenant claimed the property was uninhabitable based on certain zoning classifications. Achieved a favorable verdict following a bench trial.

Awards & Recognition

- 2020 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers
- 2014-2019 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars
- 2019 Lehigh Valley Business Forty Under 40
- 2017 Lehigh Valley Select Lawyers, Lehigh Valley Style Magazine 2017 Local Legal Leaders, Lehigh Valley Magazine
- 2014 Clubman of the Year, Lehigh Valley Clubmen's Association
- 2013 Lehigh Valley's Finest Under Forty, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Industries

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Energy & Public Utilities
- Nonprofit
- Media & Publishing
- Banking
- Insurance
- Government

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals
Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Middle District of Pennsylvania