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Adam J. Cohen practices in the area of complex commercial litigation including creditor's rights, defamation, business evictions, consumer credit, and lien foreclosures. He also has considerable experience representing municipal and private communities throughout Connecticut. Adam organizes neighborhood districts, drafts ordinances and bylaws, enforces assessments and modernizes organic documents for municipalities, condominiums and residential associations across the state. He serves as general counsel for the Connecticut Tax Collectors' Association and chairs the firm's Municipal Law and Community Associations section. Adam often lectures officers and managers of towns, tax districts and condominiums on revenue collection strategies and other issues of interest to these communities. Adam is also the legal editor of *Common Interest*, the official magazine of the Connecticut chapter of the Community Associations Institute.

Adam's published works include "Condo Law Revolution," *Common Interest Magazine*; "How to Prepare a Powerful Memo," *(ABA) Student Lawyer Magazine*; "Tax (Not Just Another) Collection: Special Considerations for Recovering Unpaid Municipal Taxes," *Connecticut Lawyer*; "Do-It-Yourself Government: Creating and Understanding Special Taxing Districts," *Connecticut Lawyer and Common Interest Magazine*; "Keeping the Promise: Proposed Legislation to Establish Nontransferable Elections Systems in Jurisdictions Covered by Section Four of the Voting Rights Act," *St. Mary's Law Journal*; "Disregarding the Quarrel Heard," *Connecticut Lawyer*; "The Open Door: Will the Right to Die Survive *Washington v. Glucksberg* and *Vacco v. Quill*?" *In the Public Interest*; and numerous articles in bar journals, newsletters, and magazines.

He serves as co-chair of the firm's Recruiting Committee, director of its Summer Associate Program and coordinator of its pro bono outreach programs.



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Practice Areas

Municipal Law and Community Associations; Condominiums, Residential Associations and Community Organizations; Town Governments, Departments and Authorities; Appellate; Litigation; Construction; Business Disputes; Real Estate Litigation; Financial Restructuring

Representative Experience

- Drafts and revises charters, ordinances, rules, and policies for towns, tax districts, municipal boards and governmental authorities
- Prepares and updates declarations, bylaws, rules, and forms for condominiums, community organizations and residential associations
- Counsels municipal departments and officials on compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, taxation mechanisms and other statutory mandates
- Has collected millions of dollars in unpaid taxes and assessments for municipalities and community associations across Connecticut
- Assists contractors, building material suppliers and subcontractors with mechanic's lien foreclosures and other collections
- Defends businesses against consumers claims under the Truth in Lending, Fair Credit Billing, FACT, Fair Credit Reporting and Unfair Trade Practice Acts

Bar and Court Admissions

Connecticut

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

Education

Cornell Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1998

Vassar College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1995; Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

"Paying the Price for 'Misconduct'," *Common Interest*, February 1, 2010

"Condo Law Revolution," *Community Associations Institute - Connecticut Chapter*, October 2009

"Pay My Lawyer: Attorney Fee Awards in Association Lawsuits," *Common Interest*, August 1, 2009

Continued

"The Basics of Condominium Borrowing," *Common Interest*, March 1, 2009

"ALERT: New Law Requires Those Possessing "Personal Information" to Protect it From Misuse,"
October 3, 2008

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association - Litigation Section

Connecticut Bar Association - Litigation Section

Greater Bridgeport Bar Association

State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Library Advisory Committee

Community Involvement

CBA Pro Bono Committee - Legislative Liaison

Appointed by the mayor of Hamden to serve as a founding member of the Hamden Commission on Human Rights and Relations from 2001 to 2003, which monitors and reports on race, gender and similar issues

Graduate of Class XVI of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council's Leadership Greater Bridgeport program

Honors and Awards

Named to the *Super Lawyers* "Connecticut Rising Stars" list in the area of Government/Cities/Municipalities in 2011, 2011/2012

"40 Under 40" Business Leaders Award from the *Fairfield County Business Journal*, June 2009

New Leaders of the Law Award for Advocacy from the *Connecticut Law Tribune*, November 2003

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