



## David P. Cohen

### Shareholder

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Drawing on 20 years of Washington, D.C. experience, David Cohen has a proven track record of assisting clients with developing high-stakes legal and public policy strategies, then implementing those initiatives before federal and state agencies as well as the U.S. Congress.

David represents clients in complex congressional oversight matters, in addition to regulatory investigations and enforcement actions by state and federal agencies. David also helps clients with their legislative advocacy, with an emphasis on financial services and homeland security issues. He returned to Brownstein after two years as the Chief Administrative Officer for CLEAR, a leading biometric technology company, where he played a critical role in its expansion handling operations, risk management, legal affairs and government and public relations. While still in the public sector, David served as chief of staff to U.S. Customs Service Commissioners, was involved in the initial policy discussions surrounding the formation of the Department of Homeland Security, and as professional staff on the House Financial Services Committee.

Admitted in Maryland, David's legal practice within the District of Columbia involves matters and proceedings before federal courts and agencies. David is not currently licensed to practice in the District of Columbia.

### **Previous Experience**

Chief Administrative Officer, CLEAR

Deputy Director, Policy and Government Affairs, AIPAC

Deputy National Political Director, AIPAC

Chief of Staff to Commissioners Robert Bonner, Ray Kelly, and Acting Commissioner Charles Winwood, U.S. Customs Service

Senior Policy Advisor to Commissioner Ray Kelly, U.S. Customs Service

Professional Staff Member, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Whitewater Investigative Staff, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services

### **Practices**

Government Investigations & White Collar Defense, Government Relations, Congressional Oversight & Investigations, Financial Services, Homeland Security

### **Representative Matters**

- On behalf of a museum, Brownstein successfully advocated for \$300,000 to be included in the FY2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act. The museum will use the funding for educational programs on terrorism and homeland security preparedness.

### **Publications & Presentations**

- Rise of the Machines: Artificial Intelligence and its Growing Impact on U.S. Policy, *Brownstein Client Alert*, October 5, 2018

- Sen. Warner Proposes Reforms Aimed at Social Media Companies, *Brownstein Client Alert*, September 20, 2018
- Four Strategies to Protect You, Your Customers and Data, Co-author, *Las Vegas Business Press*, September 17, 2018
- DOJ Issues Much Anticipated Cyber-Digital Task Force Report, *Brownstein Client Alert*, July 20, 2018
- Congress Eyes Modernization of Bank Secrecy Act and Beneficial Ownership Disclosures, *Brownstein Client Alert*, June 27, 2018
- 2015 Washington Outlook, *Brownstein Client Alert*, Feb. 2, 2015
- Republicans Won Control of the U.S. Senate—Now What?, *Brownstein Client Alert*, November 6, 2014
- 2014 Washington Outlook, *Brownstein Client Alert*, January 30, 2014
- Immigration Reform in the 113th Congress, *Brownstein Client Alert*, March 13, 2013
- Advanced Cargo Tracking and Screening Technologies: Current Policy for Securing the Global Supply Chain, Featured Speaker, 2012 IEEE International Conference on Technologies for Homeland Security, Boston, MA, November 14, 2012

### **Education**

- J.D., The George Washington University Law School
- B.A., Cornell University

### **Admissions**

- Maryland

### **Membership**

American Bar Association

Maryland Bar Association

American Immigration Lawyers Association