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## BIOGRAPHY

RONALD JAY COHEN is the founding partner of Cohen Dowd Quigley. From 1972 until June 1991, Ron was a trial lawyer at the Phoenix, Arizona law firm of Streich Lang where he became a senior litigation partner. Ron has practiced in all areas of complex commercial litigation and is one of the most respected litigators in the United States. Ron has served as a Faculty Member and Advocacy Demonstrator throughout the country, including at Emory University School of Law, Harvard Law School, Louisiana State University School of Law, Cardozo Law School and Arizona State University School of Law. He has taught and lectured in more than one hundred programs throughout the United States and Europe.

Ron was the co-recipient of the Maricopa County Bar Association Robert R. Mills Member of the Year Award in 1986. The Honorable Robert E. Keeton Award annually presented by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy recognized Ron in 1991 as the finest teacher of advocacy in the United States. Ron has been a National Team Leader at the National NITA program in Boulder, Colorado three times and served many years as a Trustee on the Board of NITA and as a member of its Executive Committee. Ron was thereafter honored by being named as a NITA Trustee Emeritus. Ron was selected as an original Master of the Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court and during his membership served on its Executive Committee. In 2000 - 2001, Ron was elected Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation, leading its 65,000 members. Ron has been named as a SuperLawyer, Best of the Bar, Business Journal's Who's Who in the Law, Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators and received numerous other professional awards and recognitions. Ron also was honored to present the Irving Younger Lecture at the University of Minnesota and the Edward Ross Lecture in Litigation at Temple Law School. Ron has also taught, nationally and internationally, programs on Conducting Winning Depositions and Expert Witness Preparation.

Locally, Ron has been a Maricopa County Judge Pro Tem, led and taught dozens of Evidence and Trial Advocacy Programs, and been a team member of the Judicial Performance Review. He was lead trial lawyer or co-lead trial lawyer in obtaining several of the largest plaintiff's verdicts in the history of Arizona. In 2003, the Arizona State University of Law Student Center was named the Ronald Jay Cohen Student Center in his honor. Ron reduced his full-time practice of law in 2008 when he turned 60 years old.

## **AWARDS**

Honorable Robert E. Keeton Award from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy  
Maricopa County Bar Association Co-Recipient of the Robert R. Mills Member of the Year Award (First Recipient)

Chambers USA®

Selected to the Super Lawyers® list of the Top Fifty attorneys in Arizona  
Arizona Business Journal:

- Best of the Bar - Litigation
- Who's Who in Law - 25 Leading Lawyers

Arizona Business Magazine, "Top Lawyer - Commercial Litigation"

Lawdragon - 500 Leading Litigators in the United States (first year of selections)

Fellow Emeritis of the Litigation Counsel of America

Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

Arizona's Finest Lawyers, Sustaining Member

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Rating from Martindale-Hubbell

## **EDUCATION**

University of Minnesota Law School

J.D., 1972

University of Minnesota Law Review, 1970-1972

University of Wisconsin

B.A., with honors, 1970

## **BAR ADMISSION**

Arizona

United States District Court, District of Arizona

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

United States Supreme Court

## ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of Arizona

American Bar Association

Maricopa County Bar Association

Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court, original Master, and Executive Committee Member

Judge Pro Tempore, Maricopa County Superior Court

American Bar Association, Section of Litigation:

- Chair, 2000-01
- Chair Elect, 1999 - 2000
- Vice-Chair, 1998-99
- Member, Council, Fund for Justice and Education, 1996
- Director of Divisions, 1995
- Fall Meeting Program Chair, 1992

2001 Sedona Conference on Complex Litigation, faculty member

2002 Sedona Conference on Complex Litigation, Co-Chair

National Institute for Trial Advocacy:

- Member, Board of Trustees
- Member, Executive Committee (declined chair position)
- Strategic Plan Committee Chair
- Trustee Emeritus

## PUBLICATIONS

*Expert Witness Opinion Testimony Under the New Arizona Rules of Evidence*, 1980-1981, Arizona Bar Journal, December, 1982

*The New Practice in Cross Examination of a Character Witness Under Arizona Rules of Evidence, 405(a)*, 1978 Arizona State Law Review 31 (co-author)

*Arizona Legal Forms, Debtor-Creditor, Civil Procedure, Domestic Relations, Commercial Transactions, Criminal Procedure and Business Organizations* (West, 1988-1992) (co-editor)

*Arizona Rule of Evidence 704: Combating Ultimate Issue Evidence*, Arizona Attorney, 1991 (co-author)

Book Review on Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts, Arizona Attorney, Spring, 1999

*For The Love Of Lawyering*, American Bar Association Section of Litigation Journal: Opening Statement, 2000

*Powerful Witness Preparation*, American Bar Association Section of Litigation Journal: Opening Statement, 2000

*Looking Forward to the Past*, American Bar Association Section of Litigation Journal: Opening Statement, 2001

*Conducting a Winning Deposition*, American Bar Association Section of Litigation Journal: Opening Statement, 2001

## NEWS

Eleven CDQ Lawyers Named to SuperLawyers® Lists  
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Affirms Victory For CDQ's Client  
Ten CDQ Attorneys Named To SuperLawyers® Lists For 2021  
CDQ Obtains Dismissal Of Civil Rights Claim  
CDQ Lawyers Named to 2020 SuperLawyers® List  
CDQ Lawyers Named to 2019 Super Lawyers® Lists  
CDQ Attorneys and CDQ Ranked by Chambers USA  
CDQ Lawyers Named to 2018 Super Lawyers® Lists

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Ron has repeatedly been recognized for his leadership in the legal community. He has been honored by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy ("NITA") with the Honorable Robert E. Keeton award, received the Maricopa County Bar Association's Robert R. Mills Member of the Year award, and served as Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation. Ron has also been a Maricopa County Judge Pro Tern, led and taught dozens of Evidence and Trial Advocacy Programs. For the National Institute of Trial Advocacy ("NITA"), Ron taught more than 60 National Programs, was on the faculty at the National Program in Denver, CO for 12 years, and was the National Team Leader for three years, with perfect 7.0 ratings. He served as the Adjunct Professor of Evidence at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Visiting Professor of Evidence at the Indiana School of Law, gave the Irving Young Lecture at the University of Minnesota, and gave the Edward Ross Lecture In Litigation at Temple Law School. Ron was a faculty member and demonstrator at Emory University School of Law, Harvard Law School, Louisiana State University School of Law and several other law schools throughout America. Ron was a CLE Presenter for Professional Education Group, the National Practice Institute and the Lorman Education Series. Ron has also been a team member of the Judicial Performance Review. Ron was selected as an original Master of the Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court and during his membership served on its Executive Committee.