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Barry Cohen brings over twenty years of experience in the environmental law field to Certilman Balin.

Mr. Cohen's environmental law practice is multi-faceted. A significant portion of his practice is devoted to assisting clients in achieving compliance with environmental laws and regulations, and in representing members of the regulated community in matters commenced by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and local environmental and health agencies. Mr. Cohen has handled matters involving leaking underground storage tanks, air emissions, industrial discharges, community right-to-know reporting, the management and abatement of asbestos-containing materials and lead paint's compliance-related practice, petroleum spills and the handling, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous chemicals, hazardous waste and pesticides.

Mr. Cohen also spends a substantial amount of time representing clients in connection with the investigation and remediation of contaminated properties, the redevelopment of those properties, and litigation commenced under the federal Superfund Law, the New York State Navigation Law, and other federal and state environmental statutes and theories. Mr. Cohen has also presented defendants in toxic tort litigation, including cases involving alleged exposure to solvents, asbestos, pesticides and mold. Another area of Mr. Cohen's practice involves providing advice and litigating issues that arise under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Prior to joining Certilman, Balin, Mr. Cohen was a Partner in the Environmental Practice Group of another law firm, and worked for the [New York State Department of Environmental Conservation](#).

In 1985, he earned his Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law, where he was the President of the Environmental Law Society and the founder and a contributing editor of the Hofstra Environmental Law Digest. Mr. Cohen also co-chaired the Suffolk

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County Bar Association's Environmental Law Committee for two terms. He served on the Boards of the [Long Island Housing Partnership](#) and the [Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation](#), and he serves on the "Good Earth Gala" committee for [Cornell University's Cooperative Extension](#).

Mr. Cohen resides in East Setauket with his wife and three children. He is on the Board of the [Three Village Youth Lacrosse Program](#) and has coached in that program since 1994. Additionally, he served as legal counsel to the [Stony Brook Yacht Club](#).

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