

## Background Resume of Adrian Cohen

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Adrian Cohen is a 1977 graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism and a 1980 cum laude graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School. He clerked for a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit immediately after graduation, and in 1982 became an associate at the Milwaukee, Wisconsin law firm of Charne, Clancy & Taitelman. He became a partner there in 1989. He practiced in the areas of corporate litigation and general corporate transactions. He also successfully engaged in extensive legislative lobbying at the State level on an interstate banking matter. Beginning in 1985, he has taught the Secured Transactions course at the University of Wisconsin Law School as an adjunct faculty member. The course involves the study of the use of collateral in connection with extensions of credit under Article Nine of the Uniform Commercial Code, and constitutes a short course on bankruptcy process and procedure. He has lectured on the subject at continuing legal education seminars and has prepared questions related to the subject matter for use in Wisconsin Bar examinations. Since 2009, he has also taught the Payment Systems course at the Law School. That course involves the study of all forms of payment in the United States economy: money, the bank checking system, promissory notes, credit and debit cards, electronic transfers and the like, and constitutes a short course on the economic basis and history of modern forms of payment.

Mr. Cohen left the active practice of law in 1990 to start a business that distributed U.S. films on video in what was then Czechoslovakia. The company he founded became one of the only successful independent Western ventures in that business in Eastern Europe, and in the process became the exclusive distributor in the area for film studios such as Universal Studios, Paramount Pictures, Turner and Hanna-Barbera. As a side project, he concluded what is believed to be the first (albeit small) successful deal for video programming with the dominant Chinese television network. His business ventures led to invitations to lecture at law symposia in Eastern European countries such as the Czech Republic and Bulgaria. In 1994 his company was acquired by one of the largest independent video distributors in the U.S. Although he semi-retired at that time, he has successfully started and managed several businesses, including management of real estate ventures, and has served as a consultant to start-up ventures in several fields, including e-commerce.