

## **STEVEN H. COHEN**

Steven H. Cohen has been practicing law in Chicago for more than 25 years and representing whistleblowers in *qui tam* cases since 1995. In 2001, he founded the Cohen Law Group, where he has dedicated his practice to representing whistleblower clients in *qui tam* cases brought under federal and state false claims laws.

Cohen has investigated and prosecuted dozens of sealed and unsealed *qui tam* cases on behalf of physicians, nurses, compliance officers, billing coordinators, sales representatives, managers and senior company officers in cases spanning the spectrum of health care and other government programs fraud and abuse. He has hands-on expertise with both the federal False Claims Act and state whistleblower/*qui tam* laws. Through his extensive *qui tam* practice, Cohen has developed close working relationships with U.S. Department of Justice lawyers, and prosecutors in United States Attorneys Offices and States' Attorneys General Offices throughout the country.

Steve is currently lead Relator's counsel in *State of Illinois ex rel Groesche and Raymer v. University of Chicago Hospitals*, in which the State of Illinois has joined in prosecuting the University of Chicago Hospitals in a first-of-its-kind Medicaid fraud case relating to the treatment of critically ill babies admitted to the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

In 2000, Steven H. Cohen was retained by Dean Steinke to investigate Merck & Co., Inc.'s ("Merck") marketing practices in connection with their most popular drugs including Zocor® and Vioxx®. That investigation led to the filing of the two cases, *United States ex rel Steinke v. Merck* and *Nevada ex rel Steinke v. Merck*. Cohen was co-lead counsel for the Relator during the course of the eight- year investigation conducted by the federal Government and the States' Medicaid Fraud Unit team. In the Nevada action, Cohen worked with the Nevada Attorney General and his co-counsel to obtain a landmark ruling interpreting the federal Medicaid Rebate Act's Best Price provisions. As a result of the closely coordinated work of federal and state prosecutors and relator's counsel, Merck agreed to pay \$400 million to the federal Government and the states to settle the allegations in these cases.

As a co-founder of the Whistleblower Action Network, Cohen and an alliance of lawyers investigate and prosecute *qui tam* lawsuits on behalf of whistleblowers. Today, Cohen and other affiliated Whistleblower Action Network attorneys are lead counsel in numerous pending investigations and cases throughout the country.

Steven H. Cohen is an adjunct faculty member at Northwestern Law School in Chicago where he teaches clinical trial advocacy and serves on the faculty of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA). He also speaks about fraud and abuse issues to industry and professional groups.