



David S. Cohen

Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence

David S. Cohen was confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as Treasury's Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence on June 30, 2011. As Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Cohen leads the Treasury Department's policy, enforcement, regulatory, and intelligence functions aimed at identifying and disrupting the lines of financial support to international terrorist organizations, proliferators of weapons of mass destruction, narcotics traffickers, and other illicit actors posing a threat to our national security. He is also responsible for overseeing the Department's efforts to combat money laundering and financial crimes. In this role, Cohen serves as a member of the Obama Administration's national security team in developing financial strategies to combat these wide ranging threats and protect the U.S. and international financial systems from abuse.

Cohen was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 1, 2009 as the Department of the Treasury's Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing. In his role as Assistant Secretary, Cohen was responsible for formulating and coordinating the counterterrorist financing and anti-money laundering efforts for the Department of the Treasury. He supervised the work of the Treasury Department's Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes and the Treasury Executive Office of Asset Forfeiture.

Cohen returned to the Treasury in 2009 from the Washington law firm Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, where he practiced for seven years. His practice at Wilmer Hale focused on civil and criminal litigation, the defense of regulatory investigations into accounting and financial fraud, and anti-money laundering and sanctions compliance advice for a broad range of financial institutions including banks, broker-dealers, insurance companies, mutual funds and hedge funds.

Cohen first joined the Department of the Treasury in 1999, working in the Office of the General Counsel as Senior Counsel to General Counsel. In that position, Cohen was involved in crafting legislation that formed the basis of Title III of the USA PATRIOT Act, the 2001 update to the Bank Secrecy Act that provided Treasury new tools to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism. Serving under two administrations in the General Counsel's Office, first as Associate Deputy General Counsel and later as Acting Deputy General Counsel, Cohen advised senior officials on a range of legal and policy issues, including the Department's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing policies.

Prior to joining Treasury, Cohen practiced law for nine years at the Washington law firm Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin LLP, where he specialized in white collar criminal defense and civil litigation. From 1989 to 1990, Cohen served as a law clerk to the Honorable Norman P. Ramsey, United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. He conducted post-graduate research on nuclear crisis management from 1985-1986.

Cohen received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1989, and his B.A., magna cum laude, from Cornell University in 1985.