

Biographical Statement: J. Richard Cohen

Richard Cohen is an attorney and the president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil rights organization founded in 1971. For more than three decades, the Center has been monitoring, issuing reports about, and training law enforcement officials on far-right extremist activity in the United States. Mr. Cohen has served on the Department of Homeland Security's Countering Violent Extremism Working Group and has testified on terrorism issues before the House Committee on Homeland Security and the Senate Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts. He also has litigated cases against hate groups and their leaders for the violent actions of their members.