

ELENA L. COHEN

EDUCATION

GRADUATE CENTER, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

New York, NY

Doctor of Philosophy, June 2020

Academic: GPA: 3.88; Major in Political Theory; Minor in American Politics; Women's Studies Certificate Program

Appointments: Research Fellow, Mellon Sawyer Seminar on "Democratic Citizenship and the Recognition of Cultural Differences" (Fall 2012- Spring 2013)
Editorial Assistant, *WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly at The Feminist Press* (Fall 2011- June 2020)

Dissertation: *Dangerous Exhibitions: Erotic Justice & Comparative Constitutional Law*

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW

New York, NY

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, June 2010

Academic: GPA: 3.89 (Top 5%)

Honors: Order of the Coif; Articles Editor, Cardozo Law Review; Public Service Scholar

Activities: Executive Board Member, National Lawyers Guild; Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

Study Abroad: *University of Amsterdam Law School*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (Fall 2009)

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

New Haven, CT

Bachelor of Arts (Art History & Italian), *summa cum laude*, May 2007

Academic: GPA: 3.93

Honors: Honors College Scholarship; L. Robbins Art Scholarship; Mastrianni Memorial Scholarship

Thesis: *Quo Malo Convulso Fetet Pro Minime Grato: The Image of Lucretia in the Renaissance*

Activities: President, Amnesty International; Zeta Delta Epsilon Honors Service Society

Study Abroad: *Università degli Studi di Urbino*, Urbino, Italy (Summer 2004; Fall 2005)

Kingston University, London, England (Fall 2002)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW, DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Visiting Assistant Professor, Winter 2022- Present

Philadelphia, PA

Instructs undergraduate students in a special program at the Law school.

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK- SENIOR COLLEGES

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Spring 2016-Fall 2021

New York City, NY

Instructed upper-level and introductory courses at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Bernard M. Baruch College, and College of Staten Island in the areas of Civil Rights, Constitutional Law, U.S. Political Thought, and Gender and the Law. Appointed in the Political Science, Women's Studies, and Law Departments.

Pre-Law Advisor, Fall 2018-Fall 2021

Worked one-on-one with students at College of Staten who are interested in attending law school. Provided guidance regarding legal careers, LSAT test prep, personal statements and selection of law schools.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

COHEN & GREEN, PLLC

Partner, August 2018- Present

Ridgewood, NY

Partner at small firm focusing on serving the queer, sex worker and activist communities in New York City. Matters include federal, state and city level civil rights litigation, criminal defense, defamation defense for survivors of sexual assault and for activists, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, election law and Estates work.

LAW OFFICE OF ELENA L. COHEN

Criminal Defense & Civil Practice, May 2012- August 2018

Brooklyn and New York, NY

Solo practitioner focusing on criminal defense and civil rights litigation, especially for activists in New York City.

NATIONAL LAWYER'S GUILD

New York, NY

President, September 2017- November 2021; Executive Vice President, January 2016- August 2017

Responsible for daily operations and emergency decisions for the United States' oldest progressive bar association. Manage employees. Resolve issues within staff, membership, or on executive board as needed. Responsible for fundraising. Select and lead major initiatives of the National Lawyers Guild.

NATIONAL LAWYER'S GUILD, NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER

New York, NY

President (2014 & 2015); Vice-President (2016); Mass Defense Coordinator (2011- 2013)

As President, led the largest chapter of the National Lawyers Guild in financial and administrative tasks, including securing a bequest of over \$4 million to the Chapter. As Mass Defense Coordinator, directed the legal representation of over 2,000 people arrested in connection with *Occupy Wall Street* and other NYC protests.

DR. MICHEL ROSENFELD, BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW

New York, NY

Research Assistant, August 2008 - Present

Line edited and organized the overall production of *The Oxford Handbook of Law and Religion* (eds. Michel Rosenfeld & Susanna Mancini, 2013) and *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Constitutional Law* (eds. Michel Rosenfeld & Andras Sajó, 2012). Researched and copy edited Michel Rosenfeld's *The Identity of the Constitutional Subject: Selfhood, Citizenship, Culture, and Community* (2010) and *Law, Justice, Democracy and the Clash of Cultures: A Pluralist Account* (2011). Updated *Comparative Constitutionalism: Cases and Materials* for its second edition (eds. Michel Rosenfeld, Andras Sajó, Susanne Baer & Norman Dorsen, 2010) including editing, drafting, and researching recent changes in constitutional law worldwide, and updated text for its third edition (2016).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

Elena L. Cohen, Melissa M. Forbis, and Deepti Misri (editors), *Protest Special Issue*, 46 *WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly* (2018)

Articles

Elena L. Cohen, "I'd Rather Go Naked: Sexual Dissent and Queer Resistance in PETA Campaigns," 9 *Green Theory & Praxis Special Issue: Queer Eco-Feminist Perspectives* 14 (2016)

Elena L. Cohen, "Divided in Theory, United in Practice: The American Perspective on the Interface between Politics and the Courts", 3 *Percorsi Costituzionali: Quadrimestrale di Diritti e Libertà* 163 (2010)

Elena L. Cohen & Michel Rosenfeld, "Jurisprudence de la Cour Suprême Américaine (2007-2008)," 125 *Revue Du Droit Public et de la Science Politique en France et à l'Étranger* 925 (2009)

Chapters

Elena L. Cohen & Susanna Mancini, "Gender Justice and Religious Freedom in the Post-Secular Age," in Susanna Mancini (ed.), *THE HANDBOOK ON CONSTITUTIONS AND RELIGION* (2020)

Elena L. Cohen, "'All Day, All Week, Occupy Wall Street!': Space, Biopower and Resistance," in Patricia Stapleton & Andrew Byers (eds.), *BIOPOLITICS AND UTOPIA* (2015)