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*H. Rodgin Cohen joined Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in 1970 after graduating from Harvard College (B.A., magna cum laude 1965) and Harvard Law School (LL.B. 1968). He became a partner of the firm in 1977 and Chairman of the firm in July 2000.*

The primary focus of Mr. Cohen's practice has been regulatory, acquisition and securities laws matters for domestic and foreign banking and other financial institutions. He also represents The Clearing House LLP, which is the association of 11 major U.S. banks.

In the acquisitions area, Mr. Cohen has been engaged in most of the major bank acquisitions in the United States, including Wachovia-SouthTrust, Chase-Bank One, First Union-Wachovia, U.S. Bancorp-Firststar, Wells Fargo-Norwest, Wells Fargo-First Interstate, Chemical-Chase, First Union-First Fidelity, Key-Society, NationsBank-C&S, and Bank of New York-Irving. In cross-border and foreign transactions, he was engaged in Goldman Sachs-Sumitomo, Allianz-Dresdner, UBS-PaineWebber, Credit Suisse-DLJ, Société Générale-Paribas, Dexia-FSA, Mitsubishi-Bank of Tokyo, Credit Suisse-First Boston, Royal Bank of Canada-Bank of Montreal, and acquisitions or divestitures by Barclays Bank, National Westminster, Midland Bank, Lloyds Bank, Bank of Ireland and Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino. He has also worked on a number of major cross-industry acquisitions, including Mellon-Dreyfus and NationsBank-Montgomery, as well as acquisitions in the insurance industry, including Anthem-WellPoint and Manulife-Hancock.

Mr. Cohen has also participated in the resolution of most major bank failures, including Continental, First City, Southeast, Franklin National and Bank of New England and, at the recommendation of the Federal Reserve, the Ohio thrift crisis.

He was a member of the Group of 30 Study Groups on "Financial Institution Reporting" (2003) and "Global Institutions, National Supervision and Systemic Risk" (1997) and participated in bank negotiations to free the Iranian hostages.

Mr. Cohen is a frequent speaker on banking law matters and the author of numerous articles on issues in commercial banking.