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Matthew Cohen is a founding partner in the Chicago firm, Matt Cohen & Associates. Currently admitted to practice in Illinois, his practice concentration is representation of children and families in special education and discipline disputes with public schools. He also has extensive experience in mental health and confidentiality law, representing many mental health providers and agencies. Mr. Cohen frequently litigates special education matters in the federal courts, and has represented hundreds of families in special education disputes. He lectures on special education, mental health and confidentiality issues throughout the United States and publishes frequently on these topics. He is a legal commentator for LD Online and a periodic columnist for Attention Magazine. He contributed to the introduction in the *K&W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities*, 8th Edition (College Admissions Guides). He completed a chapter for a special issue of the medical journal AMSTAR (*Adolescent Medicine State of the Art Reviews*) on ADHD and Learning Disabilities in Adolescents that was released summer of 2008. He also has completed a book on special education advocacy titled, *A Guide to Special Education Advocacy: What Parents, Clinicians and Advocates Need to Know*, which was published in February, 2009. He is an adjunct faculty member at Loyola University School of Law. He is the former President of National CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder), is a current board member of COPAA (Council on Parent Attorneys and Advocates), has chaired the Illinois Attorney General's Committee on Special Education for many years, and is involved in a wide variety of disability related groups. His peers have elected him to the *Illinois Super Lawyers* List in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. He is a graduate of Grinnell College and the University of Minnesota Law School.