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Survey: Attorneys Cohen & Perfetto ranked among New York's top 5 percent

Marshall J. Cohen and Louis A. Perfetto, the founding partners of a New York law firm specializing in real estate with clients nationwide, have been named to "New York Super Lawyers," a competitive annual review of attorneys in 60 practice areas.

The list is compiled through a balloting process and selective review conducted by the publishers of *Law & Politics* magazine, which distributes the list Sept. 23 as part of the Sunday *New York Times*.

Cohen and Perfetto, who founded the firm Cohen & Perfetto LLP in 2005, specialize in all areas of real estate law, including land use and zoning, banking law and government incentives. The firm defines itself as a boutique firm with the ability to offer partner-level service to each client while possessing the capabilities of a much larger firm.

Cohen is distinguished in the industry for his handling of large-scale acquisition and development deals, many of which involve complex legal issues such as the sale of air rights or 1031 exchanges. Perfetto specializes in large-scale commercial development projects, often requiring expertise in zoning issues, and is also a recognized legal expert in the development of self storage facilities.

Cohen began his legal career in the real estate department of Fried Frank, where he represented large foreign institutions. Cohen was later a managing partner at a prestigious land use and real estate firm. He received his Ph.D in American history from Harvard and his J.D. from Columbia Law School and has taught at Harvard, M.I.T and Columbia Law School. Cohen serves on the board of the Amputee Coalition of America and the Aston Magna Music Foundation in Great Barrington, Mass.

Perfetto is a former major league baseball prospect. He joined the same prior law firm where Cohen worked and, within five years of joining the firm, became partner.

Prior to founding Cohen & Perfetto, Perfetto led the legal team that for the first time acquired and rezoned a piece of Staten Island industrial waterfront property for residential use. He graduated cum laude from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and received his L.L.M from New York University. He currently serves on the advisory committees for several financial institutions.

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