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SCOTT COHEN

CURRICULUM VITAE

Owner and President, The Green Scene Landscape and Pools, License # 340258

General Contractor Class B, Pool Contractor Class C53, Landscape Contractor Class C27

Expert Witness

- Cohen has provided professional forensic services as a member of the Industry Expert Program for the Contractors State License Board since 2002
- Cohen's forensic services are less than 10% of his professional services, offered both to plaintiffs and defendants
- Cohen has testified in trials, depositions, arbitrations, and mediations.
He has experience testifying in the following categories:

Swimming Pools and Spas: gunite construction, leaks, heaved pool shell, popped pool shell, plaster, Pebbletec, colored plaster, design configuration, plastering, plaster delaminating, beach entries, steel placement, tile work, plumbing, coping, waterproofing, water migration, drainage, concrete, heaved concrete, colored concrete, cracks in concrete, mastic joints, raised bond beams, sheer descents, laminar jets, deck jets, swimming pool covers, lighting and electrical, hydrostatic relief, permits, The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act, infinity edge pools, vanishing edge pools, tile delamination, glass tiles falling off, tile installation standards, grout joints, tile expansion joints, mastic, problems with salt systems.

Landscaping and Design specifications: Plans and take-offs, computer aided design, patio sizing, setbacks, irrigation systems, sprinklers, drainage, French drains, hydro-static relief drains, grading, retaining walls, seat walls, bender board, planting, rototilling, amendment, fertilization, maintenance practice, fine-grading, low-voltage lighting, LED lighting, transformers, lighting wiring, expansive soil, clay soil, voltage drop, seeding and sod.

Ponds & Waterfalls: Ponds, waterfalls, Aquascape systems, biological filtration, stagnant water, filtration, skimmer placement, plumbing, electrical, pond maintenance, leaks, excessive splash, rock selection, liners, and underlayment.

Hardscape & Masonry: Patio sizing and placement, control joints, concrete, concrete cracks, score joints, stamped concrete finishing, colored concrete, concrete coping, cast concrete, concrete steps, footings, retaining walls, seat walls, swimming pool decking, delaminating, pop-outs, efflorescence, drainage, sheet flow, water intrusion, weep screed, pavers, stucco, pilasters, lighting, conduits, concrete counter tops, plan take-offs, accurate dimensions, decorative concrete, concrete staining, waterproofing.

Outdoor Fireplaces and Fire Pits: fire pits, gas plumbing, smoke draw, outdoor fireplace construction, public safety, gas burners, burn victims

- Cohen's forensic Practices Assurances:
 - Cohen will formulate and articulate his opinions with truthfulness and clarity
 - Cohen will provide opinions only on subjects where he is qualified and which are based on

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- known facts that can be proven.
- Cohen will accurately track and report time and services provided
- Cohen's opinions may be subject to modification as a result of new information
- Cohen will examine all documents supplied by client in a timely manner.
- Cohen will work overtime if case is urgent
- Cohen is under no duty to provide opinions if given insufficient time or compensation to complete a thoughtful examination of the case
- Cohen will provide opinions that are not inevitable and may be different than the client's opinions
- Cohen will notify client immediately if conflicts of interest are revealed that may prohibit further involvement of his services
- Cohen may stop work if past due invoices are not paid
- Cohen will provide reasonable cost of project repair based on evidence provided

Landscape Designer and Garden Artisan, The Green Scene

- Professional Practice 1988 - present
- Design and build residential swimming pools, spas, outdoor kitchens, outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, ponds, concrete bridges, concrete driveways, outdoor lighting, waterfalls, retaining walls, and other water features
- Offers professional consultation to homeowners before, after, and during their residential construction projects nationwide
- Oversees construction projects from design through installation, including selection of materials, cost estimating, and change order approval

Seminar Instructor (to Peers):

- Atlantic City Pool and Spa Show, January 2014
 - The Candid Contractor; Lessons Learned from Construction Defect Expert Witness Files of Scott Cohen
 - Outdoor Fireplaces and Fire Feature Design and Construction
 - The Outdoor Room Boom
- International Pool Spa Patio Expo, November 2013
 - Outdoor Fireplace and Fire Feature Design Build/ Fire & Water
 - The Candid Contractor; Lessons Learned from Construction Defect Expert Witness Files of Scott Cohen
- Concrete Décor Show, March 2013
 - Designing and Building Outdoor Fireplaces and Fire Features
- International Pool Spa Patio Expo, November 2012
 - Energize Your Sales With Landscape Lighting
 - Candid Contractor - learn from the mistakes of others
- Concrete Décor Show, February 2012
 - Bringing Fire to the People: Barbeques, Fireplaces & Outdoor Entertainment Systems
 - Build a Better Outdoor Kitchen
- Aquatech Institute Society Conference, February 2012
 - Low Voltage Landscape Lighting Design and Installation
- Canadian Pool and Spa Expo, December 2011
 - High End Swimming Pool Design and Construction
- International Pool Spa Patio Expo, November 2011
 - Bringing Fire to the People: Barbeques, Fireplaces & Outdoor Entertainment Systems
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- Concrete Décor Show, March 2011
 - Fireplaces & Fire Features From Design to Completion
 - Decorative Concrete and Water
 - The Outdoor Room Boom
- International Pool and Spa Expo, November 2010
 - Selling With Attitude! Upscale Sales Roundtable
 - High-End Swimming Pool and Spa Design and Construction
 - Outdoor Kitchen Designs and Barbecue Counter Design and Build
- World of Concrete, February 2010
 - "Decorative Outdoor Room, Fire Place and Fire Feature Design Techniques"
 - "Outdoor Patio/Kitchen Design"
- Aquatech Institute Society Conference, January 2010
 - "High End Swimming Pool and Spa Design and Construction"
 - "Outdoor Room Design"
- International Pool and Spa Conference, November 2008
 - "Outdoor Room Boom: How to Design and Size Outdoor Rooms"
 - "Design and Build: The Outdoor Kitchen"

Television Personality since 1999

Personable and captivating public speaking and television presence on HGTV and other networks

Television Shows featuring Scott Cohen:

- HGTV's "Cool Pools", 4 projects in 3 episodes
- A&E's "Fix This Yard"
- HGTV's "Landscape's Challenge" - Homeowners choose one designer from three to design their landscape
- HGTV's "Sizzling Outdoor Kitchens" - Countdown of top 10 kitchens in the United States
- HGTV's "Big Splash" - Countdown of top 10 pools in the United States
- HGTV's "Property Buzz" - Documentary on the latest trends in outdoor room design
- HGTV's "Get Out, Way Out!" - Weekly series featuring one project from start to finish, 12 episodes
- Fine Living Network's "Bodacious Outdoor Spaces", "15 Bodacious Outdoor Kitchens", "X-Treme Outdoor Projects", and "15 More Bodacious Backyards"

Magazine articles from the past 4 years featuring Scott Cohen's expertise:

- *Concrete Decor* magazine April 2014
- *(USA Today) Home* magazine March 2014
- *Lawn and Landscape* "Aesthetic Advantage" March 2014
- *Total Landscape Care* "Heat Up Projects" February 2014
- *The Edge* magazine "The Outdoor Room Boom" January 2014
- *All Animals* "The Dog-scaped Yard" May/June 2013
- *Lawn & Landscape* "The Marriage Counselor" April 2013
- *Concrete Network.com and Magazine* "Fire Pit Safety Tips for Hotels, Restaurants and Bars" Jan 2013
- *Watershapes* series of articles by Scott Cohen called Lessons Learned Jan 2013
- *Aqua Magazine*, "Safety in the Pits", Oct. 2012
- *Concrete Decor*, *Gontmaher backyard profile*, Oct. 2012
- *Aqua Magazine*: Aqua Choice Winner Sept. 2012
- *Calabasas Style*, "10 Beautiful Backyard Design Ideas" May 2012
- *Landscape Contractor*, "Tropical Lighting Getaway" April 2012
- *Backyard Solutions and Great Backyards* 2012
- *Landscaping Network Magazine* 2012 "Landscape Design Dimensions" and "Party House"
- *Pool and Spa News* January 2012, "Drawing The Dream"
- *Aqua Magazine* February 2012, "Making the Scene"

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- *Landscape Contractor* September 2011, "Elegant Backyard Retreat"
- *Landscape Architect* July 2011, "Fire Features - Lighting the Landscape"
- *Total Landscape Care* June 2011, "Create the Perfect Patio Plan"
- *Your Home and Lifestyle* June 2011, "Outdoor Oasis"
- *Pet Product News*, May 2011, interview about upcoming Petscaping™ book
- *Backyard Solutions* 2011
- *Concrete Homes*, Feb/March 2011
- *Watershapes* March 2011 – book reviews
- *Total Landscape Care* March 2011, "Pools with Pizazz"
- *Great Backyards* 2011, "Pint Sized Paradise" and "Backyard Battle of the Sexes"
- *Concrete Décor*, Jan. 2011, "Thinking Outside the Firebox; Fireplaces in Outdoor Rooms"
- *Landscape Construction*, Oct 2010, "Lost in Paradise"
- *Landscape Architect*, Oct 2010, "Over The Edge"
- *Pool and Spa News*, Sept. 2010 "Builder, Designer, Mediator"

To see more Green Scene articles please visit GreenSceneLandscape.com

Professional Industry Recognitions:

- February 2014: Association of Pool and Spa Professionals Award of Excellence
- February 2014: Best of Houzz.com
- January 2013: 3 Aquatech Society Awards of Distinction
- January 2013: 4 Aquatech Society Awards of Distinction
- September 2012: Aqua Choice Award Winner
- July 2011: Masters of Design award winner (Pool and Spa News/Hanley Wood)
- Jan. 2011: 1st & 2nd place Decorative Concrete Council Awards for Countertops from the American Society of Concrete Contractors at the World of Concrete trade show in Las Vegas.
- November 2010: Two GAVA awards in Las Vegas
- 2009: silver medal in the 2009 IPPY Book Awards in the Home and Garden category
- March 2009: 5 landscape design awards at the Western Pool and Spa Show.
- March 2008: 7 landscape design awards at the Western Pool and Spa Show
- July 2008: Masters of Design award winner (Pool and Spa News/Hanley Wood)
- July 2007: Signature Pools and Outdoors Design Award
- 2005: 1st Place Geometric Design Award

Books Authored by Scott Cohen

- Family Fun Backyards (Schiffer Publishing, 2013)
- The Candid Contractor
- Scott Cohen's Outdoor Kitchen Design Workbook
- Patio Covers, Pergolas, and Pavilions
- Outdoor Fireplaces and Fire Pits
- Pool and Spa Perspectives Volumes 1-3
- PoolScapes
- Petscaping (Schiffer Publishing, 2011)
- The Big Book of BBQ Plans

Books featuring Scott Cohen's work:

- Picture Perfect Pools
- Ultimate Outdoor Kitchens
- Outdoor Kitchens by Better Homes and Gardens
- Outdoor Kitchens and Fireplaces by Tina Skinner
- Sunset Ideas For Great Patios and Decks

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Employment History

1995 - Present **President and Supervising Designer**
The Green Scene Landscaping & Pools, Chatsworth, CA
1989 - 1995 **Vice President and General Manager**
The Green Scene, Canoga Park, CA
1984 - 1988 **Regional Manager, Lawn and Garden Division**
Target, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

Education

1988 - 1990 **College of the Canyons**
Ceramics Major
1980 - 1984 **Birmingham High School**
Graduated 1984, Honor Roll

Professional Organizations

Association of Pool and Spa Professionals
Aqua Institute Society
United Aqua Group

References

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Rate Schedule

Construction Defect Inspections: \$350 per hour

Expert Witness Testimony: \$375 per hour, \$750 minimum (\$1500 retainer required)

Travel expenses: @ \$.85 mile + hotel and any other applicable travel reimbursement applies.

All billing is invoiced portal to portal for travel.