



2023 NHCAA

# Awards Program

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## Michael J. Cohen, DHSc, JD, PA-C

Each year, the NHCAA John Morris Volunteer Service Award recognizes an individual who has made an exceptional contribution in support of the mission of the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association.

NHCAA is delighted to name **Dr. Michael J. Cohen** as recipient of the **2023 NHCAA John Morris Volunteer Service Award**.

As a Headquarters Operations Officer with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations, Dr. Cohen is responsible for pharmaceutical fraud law-enforcement program oversight in Washington, D.C.



The commitment to volunteerism that Dr. Cohen regularly models, particularly on behalf of NHCAA, is remarkable. For well more than a decade, Dr. Cohen has generously shared his knowledge and expertise with the health care anti-fraud community as a subject matter expert. He has served as faculty at a dozen Annual Training Conferences along with scores of other NHCAA webinars, training programs, and events.


Dr. Cohen has co-authored multiple NHCAA Fraud Briefs including the NHCAA COVID-19 Fraud Brief and the Non-FDA Approved Buprenorphine-Naltrexone Pellets Fraud Brief, among others. He has actively engaged with several NHCAA work groups. Most recently, Dr. Cohen was critical to NHCAA's effort in establishing a work group to examine the potential for health care fraud in remote patient monitoring. His presentation to the group on the potential for patient harm was truly insightful. His work with NHCAA's Prescription Drug Fraud Interest Group is also of note.

He can be counted on to consistently engage with his industry peers through NHCAA's monthly Information-Sharing Conference Calls, offering insights and assistance. Dr. Cohen has written submissions for NHCAA's quarterly publication *The Compass* and has been an active and valuable member of the Education and Training Committee for many years.

NHCAA CEO Louis Saccoccio states, "Mike Cohen's generosity of spirit is truly humbling. He represents the very best that our field has to offer and NHCAA is fortunate to have Mike as a partner and friend."

Dr. Cohen has been at OIG headquarters for the past thirteen years. His current work includes identifying schemes and conducting analysis of newly approved pharmaceuticals that are subject to diversion. He has 30 years' experience in clinical health care.

HHS-OIG Deputy Inspector General for Investigations Christian Schrank states, "Mike Cohen is the consummate teammate—his selfless dedication to our collective mission is second to none, it is wonderful to see his efforts to support our partnership recognized."



Prior to his time with the OIG, Dr. Cohen worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami, Florida in the Healthcare Fraud Division. He received undergraduate degrees in biology and chemistry from the University of Richmond, physician assistant training from George Washington University, a law degree with a specialty in Health Law, and Doctor of Health Sciences from A.T. Still University.

Congratulations to Dr. Michael J. Cohen for being named NHCAA's 2023 recipient of the John Morris Volunteer Service Award.

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**HISTORY OF THE JOHN MORRIS VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD:** *This award was established in 2018 to honor the memory of one of NHCAA's most ardent and loyal supporters, John George Morris, Jr. John was a founding member of NHCAA in 1985, who served for many years on the NHCAA Board of Directors, including as Board Chair in 2003. Following his service to the Board, John continued to actively participate in NHCAA committees and activities and unselfishly volunteered his time and expertise to assist with countless NHCAA projects. Even in retirement he served, volunteering as an honorary NHCAA staff member at several Annual Training Conferences. John Morris was a true friend to the Association and his philosophy of service inspired NHCAA to inaugurate a volunteer service award in his honor.*