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Clifford B. Levine is a Director at Cohen & Grigsby, P.C., where he chairs the Public Affairs Group and is a member of the Litigation and Real Estate Practice Groups. He has extensive experience as a trial lawyer and counselor, particularly involving public law issues. He has been involved in a number of landmark decisions before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, including cases concerning the scope of state preemption over local land use control in energy development, the tax-exempt status of colleges, the role of collective bargaining in fiscally distressed cities, the role of independent power producers seeking development rights, and constitutional limitations to the legislative reapportionment process. In 2011, he represented the Pennsylvania Senate's Democratic Caucus in successfully challenging the state reapportionment maps. In 2018, he represented the Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor in the successful challenge to the partisan gerrymandered congressional map.

Mr. Levine serves as a Commissioner on the Southwest Planning Commission, and, for 12 years, was Vice-Chair of the City of Pittsburgh Planning Commission and of its Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Levine has served on transition teams for Governors Tom Wolf and Ed Rendell. He was President Barack Obama's and Hillary Clinton's statewide designated representative on election matters. He served as President of Pennsylvania's Electoral College in 2012. Mr. Levine is listed in Best Lawyers of America, and designated as the best land use attorney in Western Pennsylvania (2016). For nearly two decades, he has been identified as one of Philadelphia Magazine's "Pennsylvania Super Lawyers," an honor bestowed upon the top five percent of Pennsylvania lawyers. Recently, he was elected by his peers as one of the top 50 attorneys in Pittsburgh. Mr. Levine received a J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 1980 and a B.A. in Economics from the State University of New York at Albany, where he also worked in the Office of the Speaker of the New York Assembly.