Praise for *Broken Scales: Reflections on Injustice*

Even for the most diligent students of our judicial system, Joel Cohen’s penetrating examination of injustice in America, and how victims and perpetrators have responded to it, will stun readers and provoke much needed debate. A judicial must read.

—Judith Miller, Fox News contributor;  
City Journal, Contributing Editor;  
Tablet Magazine

The thought that ours is a “nation of laws, not of men,” lends security, a sense of certainty, and a predictability to our lives. However, Joel Cohen, in his remarkable book, *Broken Scales*, through insightful narrative, interviews, and case histories demonstrates how prosecutors, judges, and manipulators of the system too often lead to injustice and the destruction of lives under the rubric of the rule of law.

—Sol Wachtler, retired Chief Judge,  
New York Court of Appeals

America’s system of justice may be reasonably well understood, but its system of injustice—and the experiences of those unfortunates caught within it—are not. Joel Cohen introduces us to that system and a few of those people—some famous, most forgotten or never known—and, fine lawyer that he is, elicits their stories both clinically and compellingly.

—David Margolick, Contributing Editor,  
Vanity Fair; author, including  
At the Bar: The Passions and  
Peccadilloes of American Lawyers
Cohen, who has skillfully practiced criminal law from “both sides,” writes prolifically about law, social justice, morality, and even the Bible. Against that backdrop, he presents a diverse group of individuals who discuss their very different narratives about injustice. The collage of those interviews provides a unique perspective—reminding us how our justice system can so easily break down into injustice.

—Barry Scheck, co-founder, 
Innocence Project

A highly readable, intelligent, deeply felt book about injustice: wrongful convictions and sentences; false accusations; shattered lives; destroyed reputations; judges penalized for unpopular decisions. Read these compelling interviews; you’ll be glad you did.

—Ira Glasser, former Executive 
Director (1978–2001, retired), 
American Civil Liberties Union

*Broken Scales* makes pristinely clear that America’s justice scales are weighted and extremely imbalanced. This should be required reading for every congressperson, prosecutor, and judge. Maybe, just maybe, it can help change how justice is administered in the United States.

—Don Siegelman, 
former Governor, Alabama