N. JEROLD COHEN, PARTNER AT SUTHERLAND,

TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

FROM ABA SECTION OF TAXATION

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 4, 2011 — The American Bar Association Section of Taxation today announced that its 2011 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to N. Jerold Cohen, a partner with the Atlanta firm Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, former chair of the ABA Section of Taxation and former chief counsel, Internal Revenue Service, during the Carter administration. The award will be presented during the section’s 2011 May Meeting, at the plenary luncheon, May 7, in Washington, D.C.

The Distinguished Service Award was established in 1995, and is presented each year in recognition of a lawyer’s exceptional contributions to the tax system and tax bar. This year’s award honors N. Jerold Cohen for his outstanding service to the legal profession, the tax system and the public.

“Jerry Cohen is an outstanding and committed tax lawyer,” said Charles Egerton, chair of the Section of Taxation. “His work in the tax profession and his public service to the tax system and to the broader community is an inspiration to all. Jerry has achieved the highest levels of success in the profession, and respect among his peers. He continues to work toward improving the legal system and to mentor and inspire young lawyers.”
Cohen received a B.B.A. from Tulane University and an LL.B. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he served as the Book Review editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. A former advisor to the Senate Finance Committee and advisory board member of Little Brown and CCH, Cohen lectures on federal tax issues throughout the country and has written for numerous tax periodicals. In addition to his exemplary service to the tax system, he demonstrates a longstanding commitment to civil rights, having served as president of the ACLU of Georgia, board member of the National ACLU, chair of the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Relations Commission and board member of the Atlanta Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law. Cohen also litigated a free speech case for the *New York Times*, voting discrepancy cases for Maynard Jackson and Andrew Young, and numerous cases for the ACLU.

An active member of the ABA for more than 40 years, Cohen has served in many capacities for the Section of Taxation, including section chair, officer and member of Council, chair of the committees on Formation of Tax Policy and Corporate Tax, as well as chair of the ABA Litigation Section Committee on Tax. Cohen has also served as chair and member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Tax Counsel, board member of the American Tax Policy Institute and member of the Advisory Board of the American Law Institute.

Among his many accomplishments, Cohen has been the recipient of the Commissioner’s Award for his outstanding service to the IRS and the General Counsel of Treasury’s Award for his outstanding service to the Department of Treasury.

Charlie Egerton will present the Distinguished Service Award to Cohen at the section’s plenary luncheon on May 7 at noon, Independence A Ballroom at the Grand Hyatt Washington. For more information about the Section of Taxation’s May Meeting, visit the Section of Taxation website, [http://meetings.abanet.org/meeting/tax/may11](http://meetings.abanet.org/meeting/tax/may11).
The American Bar Association Section of Taxation is the national voice of tax lawyers with approximately 23,000 lawyers nationwide. Its goals include helping taxpayers better understand their rights and obligations under the tax laws and working to make the tax system fairer, simpler and easier to administer.

With nearly 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

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Editor's Note: Reporters are invited to cover any or all sessions of the May Meeting. Course materials are available upon request. To obtain press credentials or to make arrangements for electronic coverage of any sessions, or for more information, call Christine Brunswick at 202/662-8675, or e-mail christine.brunswick@americanbar.org.