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Michael H. Cohen combines an unusually broad range of experience as a practicing lawyer, a law school and medical school professor, and an explorer of healing modalities. Michael graduated from Columbia University (BA), Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley (JD), the Haas School of Management at the University of California, Berkeley (MBA), and the Iowa Writers Workshop (MFA). After graduating from law school, Michael served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Thomas P. Griesa in the Southern District of New York. He joined the corporate department of Davis Polk & Wardwell, a Wall Street law firm, working in the banking, securities, and mergers & acquisitions departments. He subsequently practiced litigation at Shereff, Friedman, Hoffman & Goodman, and then corporate law and litigation at Burkhalter, Michaels, Kessler & George, before starting his own practice. As a law professor for six years, he taught health care law, civil procedure, conflicts of laws, constitutional law, criminal law, and insurance law, and published a series of influential articles and books on complementary medicine law and policy. Michael became the first attorney in Harvard Medical School history to receive a full-time faculty appointment, serving as Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Legal Programs at the Harvard Medical School Division for Research and Education in Complementary and Integrative Medical Therapies and Harvard Medical School Osher Institute. Michael's responsibilities included designing policies for a reproducible model of integrative health care within the Harvard hospital system, and spearheading negotiation among international co-investigators of agreement around intellectual property issues for systematic evaluation of East Asian herbal products. While at Harvard, Michael was awarded a Fortieth Anniversary Senior Fellowship at the Center for the Study of World Religions within Harvard Divinity School. He also directed a course on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Health Law & Policy at the Harvard School of Public Health. His work received funding from numerous federal and philanthropic organizations, including the National Library of Medicine; the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) at the National Institutes of Health; the Greenwall Foundation; and the Rudolph Steiner Foundation. Michael has contributed to important public policy initiatives, including serving as Consultant to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Use of Complementary and Alternative Medicine by the American Public. He serves as President of the Institute for Integrative and Energy Medicine, a nonprofit created to explore frontiers of health law and policy. Michael gives seminars and policy guidance all over the world about contemporary legal issues in health care. Michael's website, [www.camlawblog.com](http://www.camlawblog.com), offers an Internet resource for complementary, alternative, and integrative medicine law, policy, regulation, and ethics.