



## **American Fireworks Standard Laboratory Announces New General Counsel**

Chevy Chase, MD, March 23, 2021. The American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL) is pleased to announce that it has retained the law firm of Neal Cohen Law, LLC – Consumer Product Safety Law, as its new external general counsel.

With this new relationship, AFSL looks forward to continuing to engage with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to help update and modernize CPSC’s fireworks regulations in furtherance of AFSL’s mission to make consumer fireworks sold in the U.S. safer for all consumers. AFSL’s new General Counsel is a well-recognized leader in product safety and its attorneys have worked on the inside of CPSC in multiple senior roles.

Founded in 2016, Neal Cohen Law is a boutique firm specializing in representing companies and industry associations in compliance, enforcement, and policy matters before the CPSC. The Firm’s founder, Neal Cohen, served as the CPSC’s first Small Business Ombudsman. In that role, Mr. Cohen counseled thousands of small businesses on the laws and regulations enforced by CPSC. Mr. Cohen also created CPSC’s Regulatory Robot, which provides companies with valuable compliance guidance on CPSC requirements in seven languages. Mr. Cohen previously served as a CPSC enforcement attorney leading high profile CPSC investigations and as Chief Counsel to the Director of the Office of Compliance.

Boaz Green joined Neal Cohen Law from the well-known regulatory firm of Keller and Heckman, where Mr. Green served as Counsel focusing on consumer product safety and related compliance and enforcement matters. Mr. Green previously served as Chief Counsel to CPSC Commissioner Marietta Robinson, a role in which he developed strong ties with CPSC leadership and staff and a deep understanding of CPSC’s policymaking process.

AFSL has long prided itself on its dedication to safety and its cooperative relationship with the CPSC, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and other regulators and looks forward to strengthening this approach with the help of its new external General Counsel. AFSL believes that Neal Cohen Law, with its unique combination of CPSC enforcement and policy experience, is a perfect partner for AFSL’s safety-focused mission.

AFSL wishes to thank its previous external general counsel, Quin Dodd, for his many years of dedicated service which allowed AFSL to become the preeminent organization promoting the safety and compliance of fireworks distributed or used in the U.S.

### **About the American Fireworks Standards Laboratory**

The American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFS) is an independent, non-profit corporation whose primary purpose is to improve the quality and safety of fireworks distributed or used in the U.S. marketplace. Services provided by AFSL include: Voluntary Standards, Factory Training, and Product Certification. Additional information can be found on AFSL’s website at <http://www.afsl.org>.





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