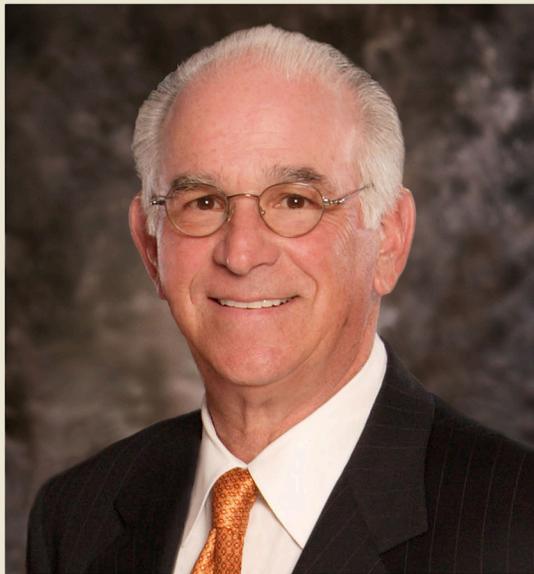


Extraordinary Leadership: Stephen A. Cozen



In 1998, before the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation had become the USC Shoah Foundation Institute, Steve Cozen made his first gift; since then, he has worked steadfastly on behalf of the Institute. Even as he helped the Institute move in new directions, Cozen has insisted that it remain true to the Shoah Foundation's original vision. "The Institute has never forgotten that it exists to safeguard memories of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses and use those memories to educate the world," Institute Executive Director Douglas Greenberg

said. "Steve has tenaciously defended this identity, and the Institute owes him a debt of gratitude."

Cozen served on the Development Committee and Board of Trustees of the Shoah Foundation

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before it became part of the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences at USC. Now, as a member of the Board of Councilors, his guidance is helping the Institute increase its capacity both to pursue its original mission and to reach beyond it.

As a donor, Cozen has consistently supported new initiatives. His latest gift was made in support of GTR (Genocide

Testimony Research)-IBUKA, a project through which the Institute will help to collect testimonies of survivors of the 1994 Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, which will become part of the Visual History Archive (see page 6). "The Holocaust has become the archetypal genocide—all others are perceived in comparison to it," Cozen said. "But it is not the only genocide, and the memories of Rwandan survivors must also be preserved."

Cozen is the Founder and Chairman of Philadelphia-based law firm Cozen O'Connor. Since 1970, it has grown from a small boutique firm of four attorneys to a full-service firm, with 21 offices in three countries and a complement of 500 attorneys. As a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Cozen is recognized for remarkable skill as a litigator and counselor. His philanthropic leadership includes posts on the boards of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, the Federation of Jewish Agencies, the National Museum of American Jewish History, the University of Pennsylvania Institute for Law and Economics, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School Board of Overseers. Cozen was the recipient of the 25th annual Americanism Award, the highest honor given by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).