

Cliff Douglas

Cliff Douglas is the Director of the University of Michigan Tobacco Research Network and a lecturer at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He is also an attorney and consultant, serving as an expert on tobacco-related political and policy issues for health advocates, government officials and the news media. For the past two years, he has served as a policy advisor to U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health Howard Koh. He has also served as the consulting attorney for the Ann Arbor-based Smoke-Free Environments Law Project for many years. Cliff worked previously in the U.S. House of Representatives as special counsel to Martin Meehan, a Democratic congressman from Massachusetts who chaired the Congressional Task Force on Tobacco and Health. On behalf of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Cliff helped develop the legal arguments for the racketeering case that was filed by the U.S. Department of Justice, eventually resulting in a verdict against the major tobacco companies for having committed fraud and conspiracy against the American people. He has also served as an advocate for the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association on a variety of tobacco control policy issues, and played a central role in the recruitment and counseling of tobacco industry whistleblowers to testify before Congress and in legal actions against cigarette companies. The book Civil Warriors: The Legal Siege on the Tobacco Industry, by investigative reporter Dan Zegart, chronicles Cliff's career, including his breaking of the national news expose on the tobacco companies' manipulation of nicotine that prompted the Food and Drug Administration to seek to regulate tobacco for the first time and triggered a \$10 billion lawsuit from the Philip Morris Tobacco Company.