

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**JAMES W. CUNNINGHAM  
PARTNER**

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**Firm:**

Smith, Sovik, Kendrick & Sugnet, P.C.  
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**Background:**

Syracuse University Law School, J.D., 1994

LeMoyne College, B.S., 1990

Admitted to practice before all Courts of the State of New York, the U.S. District Court for Northern and Western Districts, and the Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals

Federal Court Panel of Mediators for Northern District of New York

New York State approved Mediator for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts

American Arbitration Association – Completed 40 hour mediation training program in Washington, D.C.

**Memberships:**

American Bar Association  
Onondaga County Bar Association  
New York State Bar Association  
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

**Experience:**

Mr. Cunningham started with the firm over 30 years ago in 1991. He has litigated hundreds of cases including personal injury, commercial, construction, transportation and nursing home. He is a partner whose litigation practice is shared equally between plaintiff cases, defense cases and mediation of cases. Mr. Cunningham has tried cases in both State and Federal Court and has argued many appeals at the Appellate Division, as well as the Second Circuit. He has been named to the Upstate *Super Lawyer* list every year since 2009.

Mr. Cunningham acts as a court appointed and private mediator in all different types of civil disputes in both Federal and State Court matters. He has also participated in many mediations as both plaintiff counsel and defense counsel.