

Doug Cunningham, an experienced and highly respected litigator, was appointed to the Superior Court in 1991. For eleven years, he served in Ottawa, the last two and a half years as the Regional Senior Judge for the East Region. Doug is also a Past-President of the Ontario Superior Court Judges' Association.

In December 2002, Doug was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Superior Court, based in Toronto, a position he held until his early retirement from the Court on September 30th, 2012. As a member of the Canadian Judicial Council, Doug served as a member of the Executive Committee, and chaired the Administration of Justice Committee. He was appointed to the Court Martial Appeals Court in 2010 and continues to serve as a member of the Pension Appeals Board, to which he was appointed in 1999.

Throughout his judicial career, Doug focused on complex civil litigation matters and was regularly called upon to mediate challenging, high stakes cases. His reputation for success in settling cases is well known throughout the Ontario Bar.

Doug is a problem solver. While he firmly believes that some cases are destined to be tried, he has never shied away from getting involved in even the most complex cases to determine if a better way might exist.

As an experienced mediator, Doug Cunningham has a unique ability to not only understand the legal issues, but also to quickly appreciate the dynamics and the interests of the parties involved in the dispute. A quick study, he is patient, an excellent listener and someone whose creativity in fashioning results in complex cases is well-known and appreciated. Simply put, he is a skilled (masterful) communicator.

Doug Cunningham has attended the Cornell and Harvard University mediation programs and is constantly in search of new and more productive and efficient resolutions in attempting to solve disputes. As a trial judge for over 20 years, he presided over all types of civil disputes and is well-known and respected for his firm but even-handed approach. As well, Doug conducted the Mississauga Judicial Inquiry and his report, released in October 2011, was universally praised as being fair and balanced, with very much a forward-looking approach to ethical issues at the municipal level. Rather than point fingers, Doug took the longer term approach, making some very significant recommendations as to how conflicts could be avoided in the future.

As a mediator, Doug's primary interests are:

- Commercial and corporate disputes
- Professional liability
- Serious personal injury/insurance litigation
- Employment law
- Product liability matters
- Class action lawsuits

Credentials

- BA - University of Western Ontario
- LL.B – Queen’s Law School
- Queen’s Counsel – appointed in 1980
- Specialist in Civil Litigation – designated by the LSUC in 1990
- LL.D (Hon.)

Doug is pleased to be able to offer his assistance in any of the following areas:

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| • Mediation | * | Neutral Evaluation |
| • Arbitration | * | Speedy Trials |
| • Mediation/Arbitration | * | Mentorship |