



JOHN W. CANNAVINO

Background

John W. Cannavino is a Principal in Cummings & Lockwood's Litigation Group and is based in the Stamford office. He is the Chair of the Litigation Group and a member of the Board of Directors and brings over 40 years' of broad-based experience to his litigation and trial practice, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. He has extensive experience in complex commercial litigation, including securities litigation; litigation between investors and hedge fund managers; insurance coverage disputes; corporate, partnership, and limited liability company disputes and dissolutions; contract disputes; environmental litigation; real estate litigation, including lease, restrictive covenant, and easement disputes; real property tax appeals; Connecticut State tax appeals, including domicile litigation; trustee and fiduciary litigation, including litigation regarding self-settled asset protection trusts; and restrictive covenant and trade secrets litigation. He has tried numerous cases in state and federal courts, including jury trials, as well as arbitrations. He has also acted as co-counsel in a number of matrimonial cases, providing assistance on complex trust and commercial issues.

Practice Areas

- Litigation Group - Chair
- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Closely-Held Business Litigation
- Real Property and Environmental Litigation
- Trusts and Estates Litigation
- Tax Controversy and Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Commercial Real Estate Group
- Appellate Litigation

Education



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- Syracuse University College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1977) Justinian Honorary Law Society, Order of the Coif, Graduated First in Class
- State University of New York at Binghamton (B.A., *Phi Beta Kappa*, 1973) with distinction

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut, 1977
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
- United States Tax Court, 2008

Professional Organizations

- Connecticut Bar Association
- Fairfield County Bar Association, Former Member, Board of Directors
- The Raymond E. Baldwin American Inn of Court
- Connecticut Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

Professional Recognition

- Connecticut and New England Super Lawyers, 2006 - Present
- The Best Lawyers in America, 2013 - Present
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Rated

Civic and Philanthropic Activity

- Stamford Downtown Special Services District, Board of Commissioners

Matters

- Representation of a lender in a suit to enforce the lease of a corporate headquarters resulting in a verdict of \$7.7 million
- Representation of investors in a private equity fund in a case involving a fund manager who was taking improper fees, resulting in a finding that the fund manager and its principal had converted fund assets and breached their fiduciary duties and awarding \$5.8 million in damages
- Representation of the purchaser of a spring company in a suit against the seller for fraud, resulting in an \$8 million dollar judgment against the seller after a jury trial
- Representation of numerous commercial property owners in appealing municipal tax assessments in Connecticut
- Representation of the owner of a fish farm off the coast of Maine which was damaged by a hurricane in a suit against its insurer, resulting in a substantial verdict against the insurer
- Representation of numerous owners of closely-held businesses in shareholder, LLC, and partnership disputes