

CHARLES L. CUNNINGHAM, JR.

Education

B.S. – Environmental Engineering; Speed School, University of Louisville, 1979
J.D. – Rosenberg School of Law, University of Kentucky, 1982
AOC week-long mediation training -- 2006

Employment

1973 – 1979, Cunningham Door (laborer)
1977 – 1981, U. S. Geological Survey (assistant field hydrologist)
1980, Chessie System (railroad track maintenance worker)
1981 – 1982, Kincaid, Wilson, Schaeffer & Hembree (law clerk)
1982 – 1986, Gary Gardner & Associates (associate attorney)
1986 – 2008, solo practice / Cunningham & Fell (attorney)
2008 – 2023, Kentucky Court of Justice (circuit court judge)
2023 --, Retired Judges Mediation & Arbitration (mediator/arbitrator)

Judicial Positions

Presiding judge, Jefferson Circuit Court, Div. 4 (April, 2008 – January, 2023)
Deputy Chief Judge, Jefferson Circuit Court (2014-2016)
Chief Judge, Jefferson Circuit Court (2016-2018)
Vice President, Kentucky Circuit Judges Association (2018-2020)
President, Kentucky Circuit Judges Association (2020-2021)
Presiding judge, Jefferson Business Court Docket (2020-2022)
Deputy Presiding Judge, Jefferson Veterans Treatment Court (2014-2022)

Awards & Appointments

Pennington Trial Judge of the Year (Kentucky Justice Association), 2018
Fair Administration of Justice Award (NACDL), 2018
Judge of the Year (Louisville Bar Association), 2022
Chief Justice's Appointment, NJC/ELI Judicial Leaders in Climate Science Program, 2022
Chief Justice's Appointment, AG's Interagency Search Warrant Task Force, 2020

Personal

Born, 1957, Louisville, Kentucky, to Charles L., Sr., and Mary Donna Cunningham
Married to Vicki Lucas Baker Cunningham since 1990
Father to Kathryn, Meredith, and Michael