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**Managing Partner**



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**Bar Admissions:**

**State Courts**

- New York
- New Jersey
- North Carolina
- Connecticut
- Vermont

**Federal Courts:**

- Southern District of NY
- Eastern District of NY
- District of New Jersey
- District of Connecticut

**Education:**

- Hofstra University
- Brooklyn Law School

Jim started his legal career in the late 1980s working as an in-house attorney for a major life insurance company. After several years of handling life insurance related litigation, in 1990 Jim joined an upstate New York law firm specializing in the representation of insurance agents and brokers in all facets of their business. Jim chartered their New York City office, expanding it from a solo operation to a fully-staffed mid-sized office. In light of his enormous success with the New York City office, in 1999, he was asked to establish their Connecticut office with similar prosperity. Based upon his significant achievements, Jim was made a managing partner, heading up the firm's professional liability practice. In 2008 Jim started the law firm of Keidel, Weldon & Cunningham, LLP along with Chris Weldon and Steve Cunningham. Since 1990, Jim has exclusively handled high exposure, complex professional liability claims and lawsuits involving insurance agents and brokers, and has counseled insurance agents and brokers on loss prevention. Jim has been licensed by Insurance Departments in 50 states as a continuing education instructor. He has presented the annual E&O loss control seminar to members of IIABNY for approximately twenty years. He frequently presents private E&O seminars and conducts E&O audits at insurance agencies and brokerages across the country. He also represents insurance agents and brokers on all other facets of their businesses including regulatory work, contract negotiations and employment issues. Jim frequently serves as mediator and arbitrator in high exposure insurance coverage disputes.

**Community Activities:**

- Ridgefield Insurance and Risk Management Committee 2002-2015
- Ridgefield Justice of the Peace 2000-Present
- Ridgefield Connecticut Board of Education 2015-Present

**Practice Areas:**

- Insurance Agents and Brokers
- Insurance Coverage
- Excess Monitoring
- General Liability
- Corporate and Business Matters