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Biography

Gary Borger has developed a reputation as one of the most respected family law attorneys in South Jersey. Throughout his 37 years of practice, Gary has represented both men and women in simple and complicated divorces. He is one of the state's leading divorce attorneys, handling alimony, child support, child custody and parenting time (visitation) disputes, court applications for a parent to move out of state with the children, division of property and debt incident to divorce, including cases involving businesses and professional practices, and applications to the court for protection from domestic violence and abuse as well as defense of domestic violence complaints. Gary also has substantial experience in negotiating and drafting pre-marital and cohabitation agreements as well as marital settlement agreements incident to separation and divorce.

Having had mediation training at the Harvard Law School, and recognizing that contentious, litigated divorces benefit no

one, and often cause more harm than good, Gary offers clients the option of mediating rather than litigating family law disputes. Recognized for his work in this area, Gary was recently selected by *SJ Magazine* as a **Top Attorney** in the area of mediation.

Gary also has been trained in and, as a founding member of the South Jersey Collaborative Law Group, practices and is committed to Collaborative Divorce in appropriate cases. This is a more civil, less expensive, quicker and better way to resolve legal issues between divorcing spouses. Resolution is accomplished by the spouses reaching an agreement through a series of meetings with both the parties and their attorneys present, with all working collaboratively to reach a mutually agreeable and beneficial settlement. The spouses and attorneys commit in writing to focus only on settlement rather than litigation of each aspect of ending the marital enterprise with a focus on each spouse beginning life anew on his and her own. Divorce coaches (psychologists, social workers, and other mental health professionals) sometimes are used to make the process work more smoothly and better for the parties and their children.

Gary is active in Family Law bar associations, both at the national, state, and county levels. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Family Law Section; New Jersey State Bar Association, Family Law Section (past member of the Executive Committee); the New Jersey Association for Justice (NJAJ) and its Matrimonial Committee; the Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester County (NJ) Bar Associations and Family Law Bench-Bar Committees; and has volunteered to serve on the Early Settlement Panels (ESP) of Burlington, Camden & Gloucester Counties. Gary also was a guest lecturer in family law for 15 years at his alma mater (the Temple Law School, now the James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple University) (J.D. 1976). Gary has been and continues to be a presenter to lawyers at professional continuing education courses in family

law conducted by the American Bar Association; the NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE); NJAJ; and The Sharper Lawyer; and has lectured to the South Jersey Psychological Association on the legal aspects of custody disputes involving psychological experts.

After serving in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1971, Gary completed his undergraduate education as a 1972 graduate of Rutgers University (psychology major), and completed his legal education at Temple Law School in 1976. Gary then clerked for the Honorable Paul A. Lowengrub, Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey (now deceased), then sitting in the Matrimonial Division of the court in Camden County before entering the private practice of law in 1977.

Gary is a jazz fan and jazz trumpet and flugelhorn player and enjoys riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Recognition:

2013 - Named to *SJ Magazine's Top Attorneys* list for the area of Mediation

2013 - Designated an *Awesome Attorney* by *South Jersey Magazine*

NJ Family Law

Education, Bar Admissions and Affiliations

Education:

2010 – Trained in Collaborative Divorce

2002 – Harvard Law School mediation training

1976 – Juris Doctorate (J.D.) Temple Law School (now the James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple University)

1972 – Bachelors or Arts (B.A.) in psychology from Rutgers University

Bar Admissions:

1976 U.S. District Court, District of NJ

1976 State of New Jersey

1977 Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (now inactive)

1981 Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals

1982 Supreme Court of the United States

Affiliations:

- New Jersey State Bar Association, Family Law Section member (former member of the Executive Committee)
- Camden County (NJ) Bar Association, Family Law Bench-Bar Committee
- Burlington County (NJ) Bar Association, Family Law Bench-Bar Committee
- Gloucester County (NJ) Bar Association, Family Law Bench-Bar Committee
- Early Settlement Panel (ESP) member – Gloucester County
- Formerly a Master in the Thomas Forkin Family Law American Inn of Court

Lecturer:

- American Bar Association, Family Law Section
- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE)
- the Burlington and Camden County Bar Associations
- The Sharper Lawyer
- Guest lecturer in family law for 15 years at Temple Law School

Speaking Engagements

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2013:

- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Basic Family Law
- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Rule Changes for Family Practice

2012:

- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Top 10 Divorce Settlement Issues

- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Mastering the New Jersey Child Support Guidelines
- South Jersey Psychological Association – Alternate Dispute Resolution Options for Divorce

2011:

- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Top 10 Divorce Settlement Issues

2010:

- American Bar Association, Family Law Section Spring Meeting, New Orleans – Alimony: Getting It, Keeping It, or Getting Rid of It
- Family Therapy Peer Group – The Divorce Process and the Interplay between Therapists and Divorce Attorneys
- The Sharper Lawyer – The Divorce Process
- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Lifestyle Analysis for Alimony and Equitable Distribution
- Gloucester County College, Division on Women – Divorce for the layperson

2008:

- American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Fall Conference in Scottsdale – Alimony: Hot Tips

2007:

- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Annual Family Law Symposium
- ATLA-NJ Educational Foundation – Atlantic City Boardwalk Seminar Matrimonial Law
- “The ABCs of an Effective CDR Presentation from the Presenter’s Perspective”

2004:

- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Hot Tips in Family Law

2003:

- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Defensive

Lawyering

2002:

- NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Important Child Support Cases

1987 – 2002:

- Guest lecturer in family law at Temple Law School

2001:

- Camden County Bar Association – Ethics Principles for Lawyers: What You Need to Know

1998:

- South Jersey Psychological Association's spring meeting – Custody and Family Law

1996:

- Camden County Bar Association – Psychological Aspects of Family Law

Articles

[Collaborative divorce explained](#)

[Gary answers some divorce law telephone questions](#)

[Mediation – a sensible alternative](#)

[Divorce and realistic expectations](#)

In the News

[Gary Borger Esq. Lectures About Successful Family Law Strategies to Young Lawyers](#)

[Gary Borger Esq. Lectures About Divorce Settlement Issues](#)

[Borger Jones Matez & Keeley-Cain, P.A. Becomes BorgerMatez](#)

[Collaborative Law Training Offered to Divorce Lawyers in South Jersey](#)