



An Interview With Jay Turnbach

Partner with the firm of Horn, Turnbach & Rybar, LLC,

When Jay Turnbach first started practicing law over 15 years ago, the field was just starting to become more specialized. After graduating from Rutgers School of Law he spent some time clerking for the Hon. Thomas E. O'Brien, who was sitting in the family part at the time. Because of his time with the judge he was able to start his practice with a great

deal of knowledge about how the family court system really works in Ocean and Monmouth Counties. Jay commented, "Since divorce cuts across all demographic groups, it was a good area of practice for someone looking to hang a shingle."

Jay is certified by the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey as a Certified Matrimonial Attorney and his practice covers litigation, collaborative divorce, mediation and arbitration of divorce and family law matters.

He derives a great deal of satisfaction providing his clients with education and advice in a highly stressful time in their lives. He adds, "My main goal is to reduce the uncertainty surrounding their case, and hope-

fully bolster their confidence." When cases are colored by domestic violence, alcoholism or other unsavory behavior it takes a great deal of fortitude to get the right result for the client.

Over the last 15 years there has been a growing trend toward alternative paths to dispute resolution. The cost, both economic and emotional, has led to a climate where both the lawyers and the prospective clients are often looking for an alternative to litigation. In January, Jay will become the President of the Jersey Shore Collaborative Law Group, a business association dedicated to promoting a collaborative approach to divorce resolution. Jay has earned a reputation for reasonableness

and for achieving successful results for his clients by engaging in alternatives to litigation when they meet the client's needs.

In The County . . .

In addition to his legal practice, Jay holds various positions in the county. He is the chairman of the Ocean County Bar Association's Family Law Committee and the incoming President of the Jersey Shore Collaborative Law Group. He is a Trustee of the Ocean/Monmouth Family Law Inn of Court (which is an educational group providing continuing legal education to family lawyers).

At Home With His Family . . .

When not arguing the rights of his clients you can find Jay

on the beach spending quality time with his family. He met his wife Aimee while in college. They have two daughters, Cassidy, 11 and Molly, 6. His wife currently teaches sixth grade math and science at Lake Riviera Middle School in Brick. Jay is also an avid surfer and in his words an "amateur musician." The Turnbach family live in Manasquan.

