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Biography

Gary Borger has developed a reputation as one of the most respected family law attorneys in South Jersey, having practiced family law since 1977. Throughout that time, Gary has represented both men and women in simple and complicated divorces.

He has over 49 years of experience 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, applications to the court for protection from domestic violence and abuse as well as defense of domestic violence complaints, and prosecuting and defending civil tort (damage) claims by one spouse against the other.

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 been trained in mediation at Harvard Law School, and recognizing that contentious, litigated divorces benefit no one and is harmful to children, often causing more harm than good, Gary offers clients the option of mediating rather than litigating family law disputes, having been approved by the New Jersey courts under New Jersey Court Rule 1:40 as a Post-ESP Economic Mediator.

Gary also has been trained in collaborative divorce and was a founding member of South Jersey Collaborative Divorce Professionals (BetterWayDivorce.com). He also is a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, and practices and is committed to Collaborative Divorce for appropriate cases. Gary is also a member of the New Jersey Council of Collaborative Practice Groups. Collaborative divorce is a more civil, less expensive, quicker and better way to resolve legal issues between divorcing spouses than litigating through the court system.

Settlement is the goal and is accomplished by the spouses reaching agreements through a series of meetings with both spouses, their attorneys, and a divorce coach, with all working collaboratively to reach a mutually 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 their own.

Divorce coaches (psychologists, social workers, marital and family therapists, and other mental health professionals) are used to make the process work more smoothly and better for the parties and their children by addressing emotional barriers to settlement and assisting spouses with young children to formulate a parenting plan in the children’s best interest. Gary is active in family law bar associations, both at the national and county levels.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, Family Law Section; the Burlington and Gloucester County (NJ) Bar Associations and Family Law Bench-Bar Committees; and has volunteered as an Early Settlement Panelist (ESP) throughout South Jersey. 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 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); New Jersey Association for Justice (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 golf and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Areas of Practice

- Family Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

Bar Admissions

- 1976 U.S. District Court, District of NJ
- 1976 New Jersey
- 1977 Pennsylvania (Now Inactive)
- 1981 Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals
- 1982 Supreme Court of the United States

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 of Arts (B.A.) in psychology from Rutgers University

Professional Affiliations

- Burlington County (NJ) Bar Association, Family Law Bench-Bar Committee
- Gloucester County (NJ) Bar Association, Family Law Bench-Bar Committee
- New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (NJAPM)
- South Jersey Collaborative Divorce Professionals