

Lindsay B. Schiappa is a local attorney in private practice specializing in residential and commercial real estate transactions for the past 25 years where her motto remains “legal counsel you can trust.” She is extremely humbled to receive this most prestigious honor from the East Brunswick Education Foundation for which she served as the Vice President for the past decade, dedicating her time and effort to such events like the Fall Fashion Show, EB Celebrity Dance Off, Barnes and Noble Day and most recently, Casino Night. She remains an active and dedicated Trustee of the EBEF today. She is also a proud member of the East Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce where she continues to cultivate community connections.

Prior to her involvement with the EBEF, she volunteered her time with the Warnsdorfer PTA holding every board position including serving as President for 4 years. She simultaneously held the position of President of the PTA Presidents Council for 6 years where she guided and mentored other PTA Presidents. During this busy time, she also served on the school district’s calendar and safety committees, as well as interviewed candidates for the Board of Education.

Lindsay is a life-long resident of East Brunswick and graduate of East Brunswick High School Class of 1986 where she cultivated her passion for volunteerism participating in student government and establishing the first ever chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). To this day, students and parents at EBHS still sign the Contract of Life, an agreement wherein teens will never accept a ride from a driver who has been drinking alcohol or using drugs and instead reach out to their parents who agree to provide a safe ride home with no questions asked. In addition to being active in student government, she also played tennis for and captained the girl’s tennis team winning the GMACs her junior and senior years.

She attended Boston University as an undergraduate and earned a JD from Seton Hall School of Law. She was the last walk-on to the BU Women’s Tennis team playing singles and doubles and serving as captain of the team her junior year. While in law school, she dedicated long hours to the Disability Law Clinic preparing SSI and SSDI applications on behalf of indigent clients. After law school, she clerked for the Honorable Robert A. Longhi, P.J.S.C. as well as the Honorable C. Judson Hamlin, J.S.C. at the Middlesex County Courthouse. Thereafter, she worked for Convery, Convery & Shihar, a MIDJIF defense firm. She was also entrusted with attending hearings on behalf of the Middlesex County Board of Social Services to assist hearing officers with resolving child support and visitation issues. Judge Hamlin fostered her sense of caring and compassion by regularly appointing her a Special Medical Guardian for incapacitated persons with no family members available to assist doctors and other medical staff in vital medical decisions.

While in law school Lindsay she met her husband, Jack Dobrzynski, also a graduate of EBHS and they married in 1994. Jack works tirelessly for his family business, Eighteen Lumber, Inc., a past PIE honoree. They chose to raise their two children, Jake (23) and Alexandra (20), in East Brunswick knowing the excellent quality of the school system firsthand and the profound sense of community in town. Both children have flourished due to the strong education they received at EBHS. Jake graduated in 2022 from the University of Vermont with a Parks, Recreation and Tourism degree and is currently working for the City of Bozeman as a Parks Lead Worker. Alex is a junior at Penn State University majoring in Nutritional Science with a concentration in Dietetics; she plans on obtaining a masters in clinical nutrition and then her RDN credential.