

Jon S. Cardin

Since 2002, the Law Offices of Jon S. Cardin, P.A. in Baltimore has been representing clients before civil and criminal courts around the state as well as in federal tribunals. From 2016-2018, Cardin additionally partnered with Councilman Johnny Olszweski Sr. creating CWO Strategies, managing issues in public affairs, regulatory compliance, media relations, crisis management, and community and government relations.

Jon represented the 11th District of Northwest Baltimore County in the Maryland House of Delegates for three terms from 2003 to 2014. As a member of the Ways and Means committee, Jon focused his legislative agenda on protections for children and families, election law, education reform, environmental policy, and simplification of the tax code. As Chairman of the Election Law subcommittee from 2007 to 2014, Jon knows nothing is more sacred to democracy than the right to vote, and he became one of the state's leading voices for open government, campaign finance reform, and fair elections. He is an advocate for women and children's rights demonstrated by multiple bill sponsorships including authoring the Nation's first prohibition against cyber bullying and sponsoring Maryland's first criminalization of revenge porn.

Jon returned to the House of Delegates in 2019 and continues his legacy of protection for women, children, vulnerable communities and the environment. He was appointed to the Judiciary Committee, the Criminal Law and Procedure subcommittee and chairs the Civil Law and Procedure subcommittee. In his new role, Jon has begun to appreciate the wide legal experience and perspectives he brings to his committee of relatively new legislators. One major accomplishment in Jon's first year back was to pass Grace' Law 2.0, nationally recognized landmark legislation to update and modernize his 2013 law that protects children from the very real consequences of cyber threats and online harassment.

Jon grew up in a family uniquely dedicated to public service in Maryland. In the legislature, he sits in a seat formerly occupied by his uncle, Senator Ben Cardin, great uncle, Delegate Maurice Cardin, and grandfather, the Honorable Judge Meyer Cardin. With no lack of powerful role-models around the table at weekly family dinners, Cardin learned early the value of humility and service – principles that continue to guide his life and work today.

Cardin earned a Juris Doctor with Honors from the *University of Maryland School of Law* in 2001. He received Master's degree in Policy Sciences from the *University of Maryland, Baltimore County* along with a second Master's degree with Honors in Judaic Studies from *Baltimore Hebrew University (now Towson University)*, both in 1996. Cardin has a 1992 Bachelor's degree in International Relations from *Tufts University*. He is a 1988 alumnus of The Park School.

Prior to studying law, Cardin was recruited as executive director of The Project Judaica Foundation in Washington, DC from 1996-1998. He began his career teaching Spanish and coaching lacrosse and basketball as faculty at Mercersburg from 1992 to 1994.

Jon lives with his wife, Megan, their daughters, Dorothy Maya and Micah Honor and their dog, Matilda. They attend Beth Tfiloh synagogue. Jon and the Cardin family still make Sabbath dinners a priority. Cardin participates in a wide range of community activities, most recently joining the board of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore and the National Association of

Jewish Legislators. His chairmanship of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Election Law Taskforce took him around the country speaking on election security and reform, and board leadership at The American Council of Young Political Leaders availed him of several international diplomatic missions. In his free time, Jon enjoys coaching Dorothy and Micah, walking his dog, reading spy novels and competing in marathons, cycling and triathlons.