

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Dennis A. Drazin grew up in Rumson, New Jersey and is a graduate of Blair Academy, Ohio State University, and Dickinson School of Law. In 1976, he joined the Red Bank law firm of Drazin and Warshaw, founded by his late father in the 1940's. Drazin maintains an active law practice and now serves as President of the firm.

Drazin started his thoroughbred racing and breeding business some thirty years ago. In the 1990's, Drazin became actively involved in advising the New Jersey racing industry and was the architect of many of the legislative initiatives that have advanced the industry in New Jersey. He served as legislative counsel, general counsel, and President of the NJTHA before leaving that position to serve as Chairman of the New Jersey Racing Commission. Drazin was also responsible for leading the effort to obtain the Breeders' Cup at Monmouth Park in 2007.

Drazin resigned from the NJRC to lead the NJTHA in acquiring the lease for Monmouth Park, thus saving the track from closure. He currently serves as the Chairman and CEO of Darby Development LLC, the company that operates Monmouth Park Race Track, serves as the advisor to the NJTHA and continues to exhibit the highest degree of leadership in his attempts to preserve the New Jersey racing industry. Most recently, he has been nominated to serve on the Board of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. He resides in Fair Haven with his wife, Nona, and daughters Ariel and Liana.

Drazin has become the leading proponent in New Jersey behind the effort to preserve Monmouth Park Race Track; a three hundred acre track in Monmouth County, New Jersey. The track had been on the verge of a potential closure but for the fact that Drazin led the effort to lease the track from the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority thus saving the thoroughbred racing industry in New Jersey. As a result of his constant guidance and vision for the future, Monmouth Park is now safe from the potential closure which would have led to the potential development of the tract instead of the continuation of thoroughbred racing at the site. Under his guidance there is a long term lease in place and a vision for the future.

Drazin has been a long-time supporter of open space preservation. His father, Louis M. Drazin, and Dennis donated approximately sixty acres of land in Locust, New Jersey on Bowne Road and Browns Dock Road for preservation in the late 1970's, which has become part of Huber Woods Tract. Throughout the years Drazin has advocated several legislative incentives to support open space tied to the preservation of the racing industry by coupling the racing and land preservation efforts. One of the principles of the efforts has been advocating that if racing does not survive then farm land will be sold to developers and New Jersey will lose a large percentage of its open space. Drazin continues to have a vision of coupling the preservation of racing to the preservation of open space preservation.

Dennis A. Drazin is President of Drazin and Warshaw, P.C., a well established law firm in Monmouth County. Dennis A. Drazin began at Drazin and Warshaw in 1975. The firm was founded by his father, Louis M. Drazin. The firm currently consists of twelve lawyers and a total of fifty employees, including support staff. The firm practices litigation, real estate, matrimonial, worker's compensation, wills and estates as well as a well rounded general practice mostly in Monmouth, Ocean and Middlesex Counties but also in the Federal Courts.

Drazin's background includes business and real estate ventures including, but not limited to, a jai alai fronton in Milford, Connecticut, a casino in Moscow and a condo development in St. John, US Virgin Islands. At the present time Drazin is the advisor to the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Darby Development, LLC, who are the lessees and operating companies, respectively, of Monmouth Park Racetrack, a 300 acre thoroughbred racing facility operating in Oceanport, New Jersey. The racetrack operates both live and simulcast thoroughbred racing as well as an off-track wagering facility in Woodbridge, New Jersey. Drazin is charged with the responsibility in developing additional off-track wagering sites in the State, a bar/restaurant pilot program in the northern part of the State and real estate development at the Oceanport site. Currently the projects under contemplation include, but are not limited to, a restaurant, a 7500 seat concert venue, as well as a potential water theme park and hotel/convention center. It is contemplated that if casino gaming expands beyond Atlantic City that the casino at Monmouth Park would be developed as a joint venture with the current operators and a casino in Atlantic City.

Drazin has also been primarily responsible, on behalf of the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, for developing a sports betting venue at Monmouth Park. Drazin, on behalf of the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, entered into a joint venture with William Hill for the operation of sports betting should it become legally permissible. The United States Supreme Court rendered a decision in May of 2018, determining that PASPA was unconstitutional, thus handing New Jersey and the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association a win in the sports betting litigation. Monmouth Park operates its sports book business in partnership with William Hill under the name Monmouth Park Sports Book by William Hill and is currently operating a sports book partnership with William Hill at Monmouth Park Race Track and on-line with William Hill.

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- Dennis A. Drazin, Esq. was born in 1951 and grew up in Rumson, New Jersey.
- Dennis is the son of Louis M. and Pauline Drazin and the brother of Ronald and Brian Drazin.
- Louis M. Drazin founded the law firm of Drazin and Warshaw in the late 1940s in Red Bank, New Jersey and Dennis, Ronald and Brian joined the law firm beginning with Dennis in 1976.
- Drazin and Warshaw is a law firm that provides legal services and maintains four offices in Red Bank, Hazlet and Bricktown, New Jersey.
- Dennis A. Drazin is President of Drazin and Warshaw.
- Dennis was married on December 31, 2011, in Fair Haven, New Jersey to Nona Balaban.
- Dennis and Nona reside in Fair Haven, New Jersey with Liana and Ariel Balaban, Nona's children and Dennis' step-children.
- In the late 1950s Louis M. Drazin purchased his first race horse and continued to race horses in New Jersey and in other states throughout his lifetime.
- In 1981 Dennis Drazin started his racing and breeding business and has continued to race and breed thoroughbreds throughout the United States, while racing primarily in New Jersey, New York, Kentucky, Florida and Pennsylvania.
- Dennis Drazin remains active in the thoroughbred racing and breeding business and has campaigned many stake horses throughout his career.
- In the mid 1990s, Dennis Drazin became actively involved in providing advice and counsel to the New Jersey racing industry.
- In the late 1990s, Dennis became active as legislative counsel and subsequently general counsel to the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and spent many years leading the thoroughbred racing and breeding industry in New Jersey. He was the architect behind many of the legislative initiatives that have advanced the industry.
- Dennis Drazin served two terms as President of the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association before leaving his position as President of the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association to serve as Chairman of the New Jersey Racing Commission.

- Dennis Drazin resigned his position of Chairman of the New Jersey Racing Commission in order to lead the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association as their advisor in acquiring the lease to run Monmouth Park and was successful in saving Monmouth Park from closure.
- Dennis Drazin currently serves as advisor to the Monmouth Park management team as well as the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.
- Dennis Drazin currently serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Darby Development LLC, the company that operates Monmouth Park Race Track and the Monmouth Park Sports Book.
- Dennis Drazin received many honors throughout his career beginning with the Virgil "Buddy" Rains Award given by Monmouth Park to leaders who have contributed to the racing industry.
- Dennis was appointed by Governor Corzine to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Racing in New Jersey until such time as Governor Corzine nominated Dennis to the New Jersey Racing Commission.
- After confirmation by the New Jersey Senate, Dennis was appointed as Chairman of the New Jersey Racing Commission by Governor Chris Christie.
- Dennis has received many honors from the Racing Industry, Department of Agriculture, State of New Jersey, Senate, Assembly and the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association for his leadership in the racing industry. He has also received Breeders' Awards on several occasions for breeding champion race horses and "Horse of the Year" in New Jersey for two years.
- Dennis Drazin continues to exhibit the highest degree of leadership in his attempts to preserve the New Jersey racing industry.
- His visionary approach earned him national recognition for the "50 Million Dollar-50 Day Elite Meet" at Monmouth Park in 2010.
- Dennis was also responsible for leading the effort to successfully obtain the Breeders' Cup at Monmouth Park in 2007.
- Dennis has currently been nominated to a position on the Board of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.
- Dennis is a graduate of Blair Academy in Blairstown, New Jersey in 1969, Ohio State University in 1972, Dickinson School of Law in 1975, and is admitted to the Bar of New Jersey and New York as well as the Federal Courts in those States.