

Barb Michaelides grew up in Kings Park, attending Park View Elementary as well as KP Junior and Senior Highs. Life was not easy, and money was tight, but she worked hard and was able to get her BA from Stony Brook in 1984 while working full time. She met her husband Mike there and they married in 1986. She worked full time while in law school, took a break to give birth to twins, and went back to get her J.D., Cum Laude, from Loyola University, Chicago School of Law, in 1996. Barb

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