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Debra Taylor, who has lived in Bergen County her whole life, is the principal and founder of Taylor Financial Group, LLC, a full service, woman-owned financial advising and wealth management firm located in Franklin Lakes, NJ. Debra's education and career have spanned many fields, which is why she is able to provide her clients with a multidisciplinary approach to help them pursue their goals and live life to the fullest.

Debra's passion is in educating and empowering women to take control of their future, which is why she focuses on assisting women and their families, and advises them in all areas, including investment management, insurance solutions, tax planning, retirement planning, and estate planning. Debra also specializes in providing investment and wealth management advice to high net worth individuals and families, and small business owners, who have unique and complex needs.

Debra has won many industry honors, including being previously recognized as a top financial advisor and named to the Chairman's Club of LPL Financial, a distinction bestowed on only the top 6% of LPL Financial's more than 14,000 advisors, from 2007-2016 (this recognition is based on production). Debra has been featured on Consuelo Mack's national television show, WealthTrack. She is also the author of a book about industry best practices, and is often quoted in national publications such as Barrons, Smart Money, The Wall Street Journal, and various trade publications. She is a frequent lecturer at national conferences and a contributor to Horsesmouth, an on-line trade publication for financial planners.

Debra graduated from Drew University in three years with a B.A. in Political Science, magna cum laude. She received several honors while there, most notably, election to Phi Beta Kappa. Three years later, Debra graduated from Cornell Law School, where she was elected Book Review Editor of the Cornell Law Review and served as a teaching assistant. While at Cornell, Debra also served as Symposium Editor of the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy and received American Jurisprudence Awards for excellence in corporate law and trial advocacy. After graduation, Debra served as a law clerk to The Honorable John F. Gerry, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

After law school, Debra began practicing as an associate at one of New Jersey's largest law firms, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perreti, located in Morristown. While there, Debra engaged in many practice areas, including corporate law, insurance law, employment law and commercial litigation, working on behalf of large companies such as IBM, Johnson & Johnson and The Valley Hospital. After several years of practicing law, Debra left to join her family's tax and accounting practice, Azarian and Company. While at Azarian and Company, Debra advised clients on all types of tax matters, and successfully represented several clients on matters before the IRS. Debra is a Certified Public Accountant and a "non-practicing" attorney. Debra is also a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst, having received specialized training in professional divorce analysis.

Debra holds her Series 6, 7, and 24 securities registrations through Cetera Advisor Networks. She holds her Series 72 and 63 registrations with CWM, LLC. Debra also holds her Life and Health Insurance licenses in the State of New Jersey.

Debra lives in Ramsey, NJ with her husband, three children, two dogs and two cats. Debra is active in the community and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for The Valley Hospital. She has previously served on several boards, including the Franklin Lakes Board of Education, Community Learning Center, and Drew University Alumni Board. Debra enjoys time with her family, exercising, travel and reading.