



## Thomas "TJ" Mann

Thomas "TJ" Mann is an experienced government affairs practitioner who has dedicated the majority of his professional career to public service. TJ possesses a deep understanding of the workings of government and has developed a mastery of legislative procedure and the nuances of public policy. TJ is also a natural leader who inspires and motivates others to succeed. He deftly navigates clients through legislative and regulatory challenges as Director of Government Affairs for NorthStar Strategies.

Prior to joining NorthStar Strategies, TJ served as Chief of Staff to New Jersey Assemblyman Robert D. Clifton. TJ was appointed to this position in 2012 following Clifton's election to the General Assembly and was responsible for start-up of the Assemblyman's District Office and development of policies and procedures to ensure success among the staff team he managed. He was also responsible for establishing relationships with public agencies, businesses and community organizations throughout the State to deliver services and information to the constituents of the 12<sup>th</sup> Legislative District on behalf of the Assemblyman. TJ managed the Assemblyman's community outreach efforts, including resolving countless constituent inquiries and requests for assistance. TJ represented the Assemblyman in meetings and at events. He honed his public policy expertise by serving as the Assemblyman's staff lead on a number of high-profile legislative committees including Budget; Transportation & Independent Authorities; and Infrastructure & Natural Resources. TJ began his career as the Director of Business Development and Communications for the New Jersey Association of Counties, where he was tasked with modernizing and streamlining the association's online presence.

TJ is a lifelong resident of Monmouth County, growing up in Monmouth Beach and graduating from the prominent prep school Christian Brothers Academy (CBA). While at CBA, TJ developed his work ethic and leadership skills and excelled in the classroom and on the lacrosse field. TJ co-captained CBA's men's lacrosse team to the New Jersey Catholic Schools Championship in his senior year and was voted 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State. He continued his illustrious athletic career at Ursinus College where he was selected by fellow players and coaches as Co-Captain of the Varsity Lacrosse team. TJ earned his Bachelor of

Science from Ursinus in 2006 with a Major in Psychology and Minor in Political Science.

TJ resides in Holmdel with his wife, Michelle, and three children, TJ, Brielle, and Kaylee. TJ is deeply committed to his community and can still be seen on the lacrosse field coaching and providing support for the local Holmdel recreation teams.

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