

A native of Philadelphia, Joanie Winters attended Temple University (*Magna Cum Laude*), is a graduate of Rosemont College (*Magna Cum Laude*) and the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she received the CALI award for Public Officials and the Law. Ms. Winters is an attorney with Winters Law Firm which limits its practice to representing employers of all sizes and industries in matters of labor and employment, with offices in both Chester and Rock Hill. Ms. Winters' practice includes the representation of both public, non-profit and private sector entities and she has been the County Attorney for Chester County for sixteen years. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Winters worked in private industry as the Director of Human Resources for a nine hundred-employee site development company. She is a certified Civil and Family Court Mediator, a member of the South Carolina Bar Dispute Resolution Committee for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the SC Bar Association Labor & Employment Law Section and the Government Law Section, the American Bar Association Labor & Employment Law Section, the Chester & York County Bar Associations, and the Society for Human Resource Management. Ms. Winters serves as a Director for the Children's Attention Home in Rock Hill, the Chester Development Corporation and for the Workforce Initiative Act Board for Catawba Regional Council of Government as well as the steering committee for S.C. Association of Counties Government and Intergovernmental Relations. Ms. Winters is an adjunct professor at York Technical College and full time faculty at Winthrop University, teaching Human Resources, Employment Law and Corporate Communications in the MBA program as well as varying subjects in the SHRM Certification and Non-Profit Management Certification courses. Ms. Winters was honored in 2008 with the prestigious Human Resource Professional of the Year award by the York County Chamber of Commerce and the Society for Human Resource Management and in 2012 was presented with the "Making an Impact – Elite Mentor" award by Women with Know How, an e-magazine for professional women. In February 2013, she was given the Small Business Achievers Award by the York County Chamber of Commerce, in 2015, received the Friend of the Chamber Award by the Union County Chamber of Commerce, and in 2017 was named Small Business of the Year by the York County Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Winters has lived in Chester, South Carolina since 1996, and has been married to her husband Gregory for 45 years. They have two sons, Jeremy who is the Marine Corps Liaison for the US Armed Forces Committee at the Pentagon and Christopher who is the Human Resources Director for Sun Fiber, a 300-employee manufacturing operation in Chester.