

...you might not know about

ARMAND LEONE



Armand Leone is the oldest brother on "Team Leone," made up of fellow international talents Peter and Mark. While Armand still rides and trains at his family's Ri-Arm Farm in Oakland, NJ, he also unveiled Leone Equestrian Law in 2014. It was a venture founded on expertise, passion, and necessity. An attorney by trade with a long family history in horse sport, Leone realized that he had an opportunity to use his talents in the courtroom and law library alongside his dedication to the advancement of show jumping, in order to help create a stronger industry.

With a show jumping background, Armand was a contender for the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. Selected as an alternate for the show jumping team, he unfortunately did not attend as that was the year the Games were boycotted by the U.S. Professionally, Armand's office wall represents the crème de la crème of respected American colleges. He is a graduate of the Columbia Business School and the Columbia University School of Law, but he also has his M.D. from New York Medical College and BA from the University of Virginia.

Equal parts lawyer and equestrian, Armand balances a full-time career with his commitment to improving the health of a sport he loves. And, according to him, a lawyer who knows horses is exactly what the doctor ordered.

1. Big fences don't scare Armand. In 1980, he cleared a staggering 2.10 meters (6'9") to win the Godfrey Davis Puissance at CSI Wembley.
2. Along with a practice in equestrian law, he also serves as a healthcare and personal injury attorney.
3. His guilty food pleasure is homemade pasta.
4. He has been married to his wife Alison for twenty-three years (and counting).
5. The highlight of Armand's show jumping career is being the lead rider for the U.S. in the 1980 Nations' Cup at Dublin CSIO. He was also on the roster at CSIO Nation's Cup events in Paris, Dublin, Hickstead, New York, Rome, Aachen, and Dinard.
6. Leone Equestrian Law all happened because of one horse. In 2012, Armand leased a horse that suffered an injury, leading him into an expensive arbitration with an attorney who knew nothing about horses or the equine industry. It was then that he saw a problem and took it upon himself to solve it.
7. Armand competed three times at the FEI World Cup Finals in Gothenburg, Berlin, and Dortmund in 1982, 1985, and 1990!
8. He is passionate about horse welfare. Armand feels that horse abuse – whether through training or medication – is the most important legal issue facing the industry.
9. When he turns on his television, it's always to watch live sports. He roots for Knicks basketball, Mets baseball and Devils hockey.
10. Riding has always been his sport, but he also played football and lacrosse in high school.

