

## **Biography:**

**Health Care.** Congressman Sarbanes has nearly two decades of experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. For sixteen years, and six as chair, John served on the Health Care Practice at Venable, one of the nation's leading law firms, where he represented non-profit hospitals and senior living providers in their mission to deliver high quality care to the people of Maryland. He understands first hand the pressures that rising costs and the persistent shortage of qualified care-givers are placing on these providers and the families they serve.

**Education.** For nearly twenty years, Congressman Sarbanes has worked to improve public education. Most recently, he completed a seven-year tenure as special assistant to the State Superintendent of Schools, serving as liaison to the Baltimore City Public Schools under the City-State Partnership. John believes that our greatest natural resource is the talent and energy of the next generation.

**Public Justice.** Throughout his life, Congressman Sarbanes has fought to improve the lives of working people in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region. On issues like consumer protection, decent public housing and fair treatment in the workplace, John has championed the efforts of the Public Justice Center and other public interest organizations that serve Maryland's families.

**Religious Understanding.** Since childhood, Congressman Sarbanes has attended the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Baltimore. In 1989, he participated in a church-sponsored dialogue with members of the newly-formed Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies. Over the last fifteen years, John served as a board member of the Institute. Active with his wife and children in the Bolton Street Synagogue, John brings a special perspective to the Institute's mission of promoting understanding and dialogue among people of different religious faiths.

**Personal Background.** Congressman Sarbanes was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1962. After graduating from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University in 1984, he studied law and politics in Greece on a Fulbright Scholarship. John went on to attend Harvard Law School where he met his wife Dina. In 1988, John returned home to Baltimore, where he clerked for Judge J. Frederick Motz on the federal district court and began his law practice at Venable. He resides in the Towson area with his wife of eighteen years, Dina, and their three children, who attend Baltimore County public schools.