



Alan and Elaine Levy Sea One Family Chiropractic

Both in business and daily life, it's nice to know someone's got your back. For Alan and Elaine Levy, that's true of every aspect of their lives. As husband and wife, they not only have each other's backs but those of their clients as well. The two are chiropractors with their own practice, Sea One Family Chiropractic in Myrtle Beach.

Alan grew up in Virginia and graduated from Coastal Carolina University in 1993 with a B.S. in physical education. He took a coaching job in Tulsa, Okla., in 1995 and, after hurting his back, was introduced to the world of chiropractic medicine. "I went to a chiropractor who just did everything I thought he should do for me." It was that encounter that sparked Alan's interest in studying chiropractic medicine.

For Elaine, having friends in high school who were visiting chiropractors for treatment piqued her interest. After going to the library and researching the

subject, she was bitten by the bug, deciding to make this field her career.

The two met as students at Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Mo., where Elaine grew up. Both were members of a tight-knit class of students who spent most of their time together, both in and out of the classroom. Although Elaine and Alan socialized with the group, they didn't start dating until January 2006. After a whirlwind courtship and graduation that spring, they married in June 2006.

Elaine appreciated getting to know Alan as a friend before they began dating. "He was the class jokester, but I kind of saw past that."

From the very beginning, Alan had his sights set on returning to the Grand Strand, where he had family. "It was my goal to open a practice in Myrtle Beach. That was always my plan. Then Elaine walks into the picture."

Elaine said weighing her options wasn't difficult. "I said, 'St. Louis or the beach?'" The couple made their way east and, after spending many months looking for the ideal office space, opened Sea One Family Chiropractic on 44th Avenue North in March 2007.

Both appreciate knowing that the other partner has a vested interest in making this work. "We understand each other's passion and competency," Elaine said.

"I think it's nice we have this collective knowledge we can draw from," Alan said. "I'm not sure I could have done this without Elaine."

In addition to growing their business, they're also expanding their family. The couple's first child is due in January 2008. "We both sit here and think 'We're living our dream,'" Elaine said.

Alan added, "Even on the toughest day, I go home and think 'This is cool.'"★