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Richard's road to becoming an attorney was an interesting one, including first earning an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering from Princeton University. But his sights were set on the legal industry. Although he was already accepted into Stanford University Law School, he elected to attend Georgetown University Law School, taking evening and Saturday morning classes, while working as a Patent Agent for the Office of Naval Research in Washington, D.C., and a Patent Examiner in the United States Patent Office to pay for his tuition to attend law school.

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Richard has three grown children, one an actor who occasionally plays off-Broadway, and five very busy grandkids that belong to his two daughters. Family is his top priority. He enjoys reading non-fiction, history, biographies, but also explores the world of science fiction, spy and detective stories.

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