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Born and raised in Louisiana, Graduate of University of Southwestern Louisiana (Now University of Louisiana at Lafayette) with a Petroleum Land Management degree, 1984. 35+ years' experience as a practicing Landman.

Co-founder of American Data Corporation and iLandMan Land Management Software. Richard served as Vice President and Operations manager of the software application, implementation, marketing, database management, land data consulting, staff, and record management. Richard orchestrated all conversions, implementations, and development releases. iLandMan was sold to P2 Energy Solutions in 2018. Richard retired from iLandMan on May 31, 2020 and now consults with various energy, exploration, and land/resource companies in all facets of land management, software acquisition and data conversions as well as land (Surface and Mineral) acquisition. Richard manages his jointly owned lands in Louisiana, Texas and Colorado and has various interests in several other businesses dealing with helping start-up companies get funded as well as a financial software company.

Richard currently serves as Director of Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen for the American Association of Professional Landmen and currently serves on the Accreditation Committee.

Richard is the recipient of the 2008 AAPL Best Director's Communication Award.

Richard has previously served as AAPL Third Vice President (2009-2010) as well as serving as the President and chaired most of all the committees for the Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen. He has served for multiple terms as AAPL Board of Directors member and has served as Chairman of Awards, Tax Issues, Certification Committee and Website/IT Committee.

Richard has also assisted Landmen in several ways, helping pass legislation on the State level helping Independent Landmen be recognized as Independent Contractors, and he has also lobbied in Baton Rouge helping to defeat legislation from labeling landmen as harassing persons for approaching landowners for leases as well as helping reduce the large Seismic Fee once charged on State managed lands.

Richard has promoted AAPL and the Land Profession along with its values in all his business dealings with both industry and the public alike.