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Past Board Experience:

Previously, I served on the HOA Board in the community where I lived in Camarillo, California from 1987-94.

From 1994-2026 I worked as a corporate attorney mostly handling mergers and acquisitions and various contract matters, but I also advised numerous Board of Directors of both for profit and non-profit organizations during my professional career. While in private practice from 1986-2004 I also worked on several real estate development projects, which included drafting Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) for new residential communities.

Prior to attending law school, I worked as an accountant, so I am familiar with budgets and financial and accounting matters.

As far as Board philosophy is concerned, I believe it is the Board's function to establish the policy and strategy, set the tone, and leave the operations to the professional staff.

Personal Background:

I was born and spent most of my formative years in Ohio. I attended graduate school in Paris, France, and law school in Southern California. I lived and worked in the Ventura, California area from 1983-1994. In 1994, I moved to the Washington D.C. area where I worked as a corporate attorney in private practice before going "in house" to become General (Corporate) Counsel of two different companies for 22 years, where I advised the Board of Directors on a continual basis. My wife (Patti Coggins) and I moved from the Washington, D.C. area to SaddleBrooke in September 2024. We reside in SaddleBrooke from September to June and live on the North Carolina coast from June-August. We have four children and five grandchildren.

We enjoy the SaddleBrooke community and would like to see it continue to flourish. I'm just trying to do my part. Both my wife and I participate in 5-6 different activities. It's a great place to live.

Formal Education:

LL.M. *International and Comparative Law;* Georgetown University (Washington, D.C. 1999)
J.D. *with distinction;* Pepperdine University (Malibu, California, 1986)
M.A. *International Relations*; Schiller International University (Paris, France 1981)
B.S. *cum laude;* Defiance College (Northern Ohio, 1980)