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After receiving his MBA and LLB from Queen's University, Richard worked as a corporate lawyer for a national Canadian law firm. He later served as Corporate Counsel for Honda Canada Inc. He is currently an Associate Professor at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto.

An internationally recognized expert in both corporate and not-for-profit governance, Richard is the National Academic Director of The Directors Education Program (DEP) and the Governance Essentials Program (GEP) (in partnership with the Institute of Corporate Directors - ICD).

Richard has worked with numerous boards, associations, and organizations in identifying, creating, and developing best governance practices as well as assessing and achieving strategic and organizational goals. His work has taken him to over 30 countries.

He has been a director and committee member of over 40 organizations including Rugby Canada, U Sports, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Commonwealth Games Federation and currently serves as Past-President of Commonwealth Sport Canada. He also sits on the Board of the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre and the Canadian Sport Institute Ontario.

In 2025, Richard was inducted into the Rugby Canada Hall of Fame as well as the Rugby Ontario Hall of Fame. He was also selected as the Peter Dey Governance Achievement Award recipient in 2025, from the Governance Professionals of Canada.