

## **John P. Richardson**

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### **WORK HISTORY**

Staff Writer

2024-present

*Firearms News*

Write short articles and posts as assigned by the Editor in Chief. In addition, will be writing articles on firearm and Second Amendment related issues of my choosing.

Financial Advisor

1997-2022

*VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc.*

Served as a financial advisor, investment advisory representative, and financial planner to individuals and groups primarily in the healthcare, higher education, and governmental markets. In addition to helping people plan and provide for their financial futures with fiduciary responsibility, I managed the group relationships in conjunction with district and regional field management. I qualified for the national sales convention multiple times. Held FINRA Series 6, 63, 66, and 7 licenses and North Carolina Life, Health, and Long Term Care insurance licenses. Was licensed in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia. Held the Certified Financial Planner™ designation from 2003 until 2023 when I voluntarily relinquished it after retirement. At retirement in September 2022, I had responsibility for over \$100 million in client assets at various groups.

Bookkeeper

1995-1996

*Paragon Cutlery, Inc.*

Managed accounts receivable and accounts payable for small knife manufacturer and wholesaler located in Hendersonville, NC. Submitted sales tax reports to the NC Department of Revenue and prepared the records for submission to the CPA for other tax filings. Assisted in physical inventories as needed. Assisted with trade show marketing for the company at the 1996 SHOT Show held in Dallas, TX. Made all travel arrangements for staff.

Co-Owner

1990-1995

*The Electronic Cottage*

Provided mailing list management and mailing services for small businesses in western North Carolina. Created a proprietary list of voters in a seven county area that was used by candidates in local and regional races for various elected offices. From 1990 to 1993, also provided political consulting to candidates running for District Attorney and State Senate.

Co-Owner

1985-1990

*Marsh and Moor, Inc.*

Start-up mail order catalog offering higher end dog training supplies for retrievers and flushing dogs as well as unique shooting accessories from Great Britain. Developed mailing list from scratch and helped create the 24-page catalog. Managed the books, fulfilled orders, and filed sales tax reports to NC Department of Revenue

## **TEACHING & ACADEMIC WORK**

Visiting Instructor

2005-2015

*Western Carolina University*

*Department of Accounting, Finance, and Economics, College of Business*

Taught classes in personal financial planning, risk management, and retirement planning as pre-professional classes for finance majors. Expanded to teaching sections of introductory personal financial planning as a general education requirement. Taught two modules of the financial planning curriculum (financial planning and risk management; retirement planning) for financial services professionals seeking to become Certified Financial Planners™.

Visiting Instructor

2006-2008

*Mars Hill University*

Taught required finance short course for business majors in the university's evening program. Also taught a comprehensive introduction to economics to students seeking degrees in education.

Teaching Assistant

1980-1983

*University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*

*Department of Political Science*

Led discussion sections for large required POLI 41 American Politics course, assisted with grading, and other administrative tasks. Led discussion section for an upper level undergraduate

class in public policy analysis. Taught POLI 42, Introduction to State and Local Government, as a graduate instructor for multiple semesters.

Research Assistant

1979-1980

*University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
Department of Political Science*

Was the research assistant for Prof. Frank Munger who was the Director of the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences. Did statistical analysis of various datasets to assist in his research.

## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

Editor and Writer

2010-present

*No Lawyers – Only Guns and Money blog*

Started the blog after the conclusion of the 2010 NRA Annual Meeting held in Charlotte, NC. Since then have written and/or edited over 6,700 posts on firearms, Second Amendment litigation, conservative politics, civil rights, the firearms industry, the SHOT Show, Gun Rights Policy Conference, NRA Annual Meetings, and many other issues. Have had over 3 million visitors and approximately 6 million page views.

Firearms Instructor

2017-present

*Self-employed*

Provide handgun and firearm safety training on an ad hoc basis. Certified by the NRA in Basic Handgun Training.

Co-Host and Writer

2014-2024

*Polite Society Podcast*

Served as co-host to firearms related podcast starting with Episode 212 and ending with the final Episode 687 when Paul Lathrop, the producer and host, concluded the podcast. Wrote show notes and script, provided analyses of defensive gun uses, and provided editorial commentary. Interviewed many guests including Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson and attorney Stephen Halbrook.

## **EDUCATION**

Associate in Applied Science,  
Hunting & Shooting Sports Management  
*Montgomery Community College, Troy, NC*

2022

Graduated with 4.0 GPA and inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Fraternity

Certificate in Financial Planning <i>Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC</i>	2003
Masters of Project Management <i>Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC</i>	1996
Graduated with 3.75 GPA. Passed the Project Management Institute's Project Management Professional examination.	
Doctoral Student, no degree <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i> <i>Department of Political Science</i>	1979-1983
Major: Public Administration & Public Policy Minors: American Politics and Comparative Politics	
A.B., Political Science and Economics (double major) <i>Guilford College, Greensboro, NC</i>	1979

## CIVIC

Dallas Safari Club, Carolina Foundation Chapter <i>Board of Directors and Director of Media</i>	2023-present
Founding member of Board of Directors. Have engaged with other board members in planning the strategic direction of the chapter from scratch. Am responsible for PR and maintaining the webpage as a tool for outreach.	
Town of Waynesville Board of Adjustment <i>Regular Member, Appointed by Haywood County (NC) Commissioners</i>	1993-2012
Represented residents in the Extra Territorial jurisdiction on a quasi-judicial board. Held hearings on granting variances, conditional and special use permits, zoning appeals, and administrative review of zoning ordinances.	
Catholic Charities, Western Regional Office <i>Board of Advisors; Chair, 2003.</i> <i>Asheville, NC</i>	1995-2003
Served as a sounding board for regional director, promoted the office and its services to the community, and help fundraise to support the office's mission.	
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Charlotte <i>Board of Directors</i>	1995-2002

Worked with Executive Director and regional office directors to set policy and strategy for direction of agency in its missions including international adoptions, refugee resettlement, food pantries, emergency aid, indigent burial assistance, and other programs aimed at alleviating poverty and hunger.

Trout Unlimited, Land O' Sky Chapter 1998-2002  
*President, 2000-2002; Treasurer, 1998-2000.*

As President, set the meeting agenda, found program speakers, interfaced with other chapters, worked on Memorandum of Understanding with the Great Smoky Mountain NP on native brook trout restoration, and recruited volunteers for other service projects such as stocking delayed harvest streams. As Treasurer, maintained the chapter's finances, helped organize the annual banquet, and filed our financial reports with TU National.

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

National Rifle Association of America <i>Annual Member on and off until 2010. Life and Endowment Life Member since 2010</i>	1975-present
Grass Roots North Carolina <i>Five year member.</i>	2010 – present
Second Amendment Foundation <i>Life Member</i>	2011- present
Dallas Safari Club <i>Life Member (2024), Annual previously.</i>	2022-present
Safari Club International <i>Annual Member</i>	2022-present

## HONORS

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society	2022
Second Amendment Foundation Ray Carter Blogger of the Year	2017
Invited speaker and panelist, SAF's Gun Rights Policy Conference	2015-2022
Dana Scholar, Guilford College	1977-1979
Freshman Honors Scholar, Guilford College	1975-1976
National Merit Scholarship Finalist	1975

Eagle Scout, Bronze Palm

1975