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A 1973 graduate of the Yale Law School, he has served on the Board of Resources for the Future, the Environmental Law Institute, and the Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences.

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