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Richard is consistently rated as one of the top executive educators and coaches in the world. He is ranked by Forbes as one of the "Top 5" most respected executive coaches and by Linkage as one of the "Top 50" executive coaches in America.

Founder and Chairman of The Inventure Group, a coaching and consulting firm in Minneapolis, MN, Richard has a worldwide practice working with many leading organizations such as Ameriprise, Caterpillar, Habitat for Humanity, MetLife, Pfizer and PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

He is on the faculty of executive education programs at Duke Corporate Education, the University of Minnesota Carlson School's Executive Development Center and the Harvard Business School's General Management Program. As a speaker and seminar leader, he has taught over 100,000 executives from 50 corporations worldwide.

Richard is the author of eight books, including three best sellers, and his work has been translated into 21 languages. *Repacking Your Bags* and *The Power of Purpose* are considered classics in the career development field. *Claiming Your Place at the Fire* and *Something to Live For*, have been touted as breakthrough books on "vital aging." He is a contributing author to many leading edge coaching books, including: *Coaching for Leadership*, *The Art and Practice of Leadership Coaching*, *Executive Coaching for Results* and *The Leader of the Future*.

Richard holds a Master's Degree in Counseling and is a Nationally Certified Master Career Counselor. He is a Senior Fellow at the University of Minnesota's Center for Spirituality and Healing where he is a founder of The Purpose Project. As a commentator on work/life issues, Richard appears in the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and USA Today, and on television and public radio.

A pioneer and leader in the field of coaching, Richard is widely recognized for his breakthrough thinking on how to help people discover the power of purpose in work and life. His work received recognition from the Bush Foundation, from which he was awarded a Bush Fellowship to study "purposeful aging." Believing passionately that each of us is born with a purpose, he is dedicated to helping people to "discover the power of purpose." Along with his professional pursuits, Richard has led Inventure Expedition walking safaris in Tanzania, East Africa for 25 years.

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