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I have been an attorney for over 25 years. I am a litigator but also to serve as both an arbitrator and mediator. My undergraduate and law degrees were obtained from the Catholic University of America. It was at CUA that I met my wife, Michelle, who is just beginning in the MALS program. We have two children both of whom have graduated from college and are off starting their careers. I am an avid sports fan and have a passion for golf.

I accidentally stumbled into the MALS when I chose to take one of its courses because a class in another department was cancelled. I have been a part of this program ever since. The MALS program is made up of students from varied backgrounds and ages who are interested in learning from each other. It is not unusual for the professor to serve as the facilitator for a lively debate on all sorts of topics. The courses of MALS require time, thought, energy and participation with great rewards. It has broadened my outlook on the world and challenged me.

A modern philosopher of the 20th Century, Yogi Berra, aptly described a MALS class when he said "It was impossible to get a conversation going; everybody was talking too much". I have found the MALS program to be a journey, with the end still unknown. As Yogi also said "If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up somewhere else".