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Biography

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Mike graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh with degrees in political science and film studies. He also holds a master's degree in international affairs from American University.

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Bar Admissions

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