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Jace is a senior attorney who helps clients safeguard their families and finances during challenging transitions, serving as both a litigator and a skilled negotiator. A cum laude graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law, he is trained in mediation and collaborative law, blending assertive litigation with strategic negotiation and dispute resolution to achieve tailored outcomes for each client.

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