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### Meet Grey Oaks Resident Richard Lublin

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LUBLIN ON THE SET OF — The Land of Steady Habits (Top insert); Rescue Me (Middle Insert); Law & Order (Bottom Insert)

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second act...

# FROM ATTORNEY TO ACTOR, RESIDENT **RICHARD LUBLIN** REINVENTS HIMSELF.

Richard Lublin used to be an attorney. Now he's acting in film and television roles with some of the industry's top talent.

Going from an attorney to an actor might seem like a stretch, but Richard Lublin likes to joke: "When you're a trial lawyer you are an actor, just on a smaller stage."

That kind of innovative thinking helped Lublin navigate his second act — as an actor. This comes after retiring from a very successful first act -30 years as a practicing attorney and founding partner of a prominent CT law firm, with over 20 lawyers. Richard's prestigious legal career put him at the center of high profile cases such as The Dartmouth Plan Financial Corporation. As lead counsel representing 13 New York banks, he went up against Connecticut's then Attorney General Joseph Lieberman.

So why would a highly respected attorney want to become an actor? "The practice of law got to be very nasty," he reminisced in a recent article in Valley Life, a magazine published in CT, where Richard resides in the summer. "Lawyers are very aggressive with one another, it's very unpleasant. In acting, everyone is so nice. I really enjoy it, I'm very much in awe of acting, Broadway and the movies."

#### The curtain goes up on a new career



Richard's second act all began when he and his late wife, Jane, spent summers on Cape Cod, in their oceanfront Hyannis Port home. Their next-door neighbors, the Kennedys, invited them to a party where Richard met Gerry Cohen, the director of the popular TV series, Married With Children. Richard wanted to meet Christina Applegate, one of the show's stars, and asked Cohen if he could visit her on the set. The director went a step further and offered Richard a part in his series. Lublin's been acting in the

industry ever since: He's gone on to appear in many television series including - Frasier, Ally McBeal, Chicago Hope, Law and Order, Unhappily Ever After, Rescue Me and the HBO series, Luck, with Dustin Hoffman.

This fall, Lublin will appear in the new television show, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, an original Amazon series with an unprecedented two season pick up, from Gilmore Girls creator Amy Sherman-Palladino.

Richard explains, "In many cases, I'll be informed about a role, but often I won't know many details until the day before filming and each experience is different." For an hour-long drama, the work is very controlled and actors often have to repeat lines over and over again. For a show like Law and Order, where he played a judge, filming took place 12 hours a day, five days a week. Richard added, "Then the show runs and those of us involved never know what the editors have done to our work."

#### Acting with the stars



Richard's big screen appearances are also impressive: He played a role in Before The Devil Knows You're Dead, directed by the legendary American director, Sidney Lumet, a filmmaker with over 50 films to his credit. In this movie, Richard appeared in dialogue scenes with the talented Ethan Hawke, Albert Finney and the late Philip Seymour Hoffman.

This year, Richard finished filming the new feature film: *The* Land of Steady Habits, written and directed by the well-respected Nicole Holofcener. Set in the affluent towns of CT, the film focuses on the journey of Anders Hill, played by Ben Mendelsohn, a man in his mid-fifties who has just retired. Deciding he's settled long enough for a life of steady habits, he leaves his wife, played by Edie Falco, and moves out. Then he waits for the freedom of

retirement to transform him. Richard Lublin plays the role of Hill's friendly neighbor.

#### Setting the stage for progress in the fight against cancer

While both act one and act two have been impressive life accomplishments, it is Richard's consistent acts of kindness that are most notable. Richard is a philanthropist and a tireless advocate. He has waged a personal war on cancer ever since his wife Jane was first diagnosed with the insidious disease: "My wife got a horrific cancer, and the battle was on — we helped raise millions for UCONN  $\,$ Health and other medical institutions to make important strides in cancer care and cancer research," he explains.

The Lublin's philanthropic efforts at UCONN, where Jane was treated, also support the center's innovative Bioscience Initiatives. Their extraordinary contributions earned them the University of Connecticut's highest award — The Medal of Honor. The Lublins also had the new cancer center waiting room named for them.



Simply put, Richard believes in doing his part. "It's a very important cause - one in two people in the U.S. will experience some form of cancer." This statistic drives home another reason that Lublin also supports institutions like Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Lahey Clinic, Hartford Hospital and the Cancer Center of Cape Cod Hospital.

This year, Richard continues to make a difference, as chairman of the American Cancer Society's (ACS) Annual Bucket List Bash in Naples. He's charged with organizing the gala fundraiser, which will be held next March. Last year, the event grossed over \$1.2 million to fund new cancer research and treatment and to provide free lodging for cancer patients and their caregivers to help families cope with the disease.

You could call Richard a man of action-whether it's lights, camera, action or stepping up and taking action to help others. Either way, Richard Lublin is a class act.

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To learn more about the American Cancer Society's Bucket List Bash Cancer Fundraiser Gala in Naples... and how to get involved, please visit this link: facebook.com/ acsbucketlistbash



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