Richard Zuschlag is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Acadian Ambulance Service which he founded in 1971.

Acadian Ambulance has grown to nearly 3,000 employees—ranging from NREMTs and pilots to health and safety technicians and support staff, 255 ground ambulances, 9 helicopters, 5 fixed-wing airplanes, 20 van/bus transports, and 107 stations spanning Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi.

Born in Greenville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Zuschlag is a graduate of the Capitol Institute of Technology. Prior to founding Acadian Ambulance in 1971, he worked for Greenville Broadcasting Company and Westinghouse Electric Company Space and Defense Center.

Mr. Zuschlag serves on the Bush-Clinton Coastal Recovery Fund Committee and was instrumental in developing the Lafayette 911 system.

He has served as Chairman of the Lafayette Parish Communication District, was a board member of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Hospital Association, Acadiana Safety Association, Louisiana Association of Broadcasters, 232-HELP, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, and Council for a Better Louisiana.

He is a member of the American Ambulance Association, Tiger Athletic Foundation, Brees Quarterback Club, Lafayette Civic Cup, New Orleans Business Council, University of Louisiana Lafayette Foundation board of trustees, and the Mystick Krewe of Louisianians.

Mr. Zuschlag has headed fundraising efforts for the Boy Scouts, United Way, University of Louisiana Lafayette, St. Thomas More Catholic High School, Ascension Day School, St. Plus Church, and Opus Christi Magnum.

Mr. Zuschlag was named the 1980 Louisiana Businessman of the Year, 1988 Marketer of the Year and received the 1995 Golden Mike Award, 1995 Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award, 1996 Lafayette Civic Cup Award, was king of 2005 Washington Mardi Gras and honored as 2005 Inc. Magazine Honorable Mention Entrepreneur of the Year.