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In 1981, he began working in funds management and was a vice president at Abilene National Bank. Afterwards, he began to work in government bond sales in Dallas. DeFelice moved to a position with the E.F. Hutton Group, next, working in both Houston and New York City.

In 1988, DeFelice returned to the Wheeling market as an independent trader until 1991 when he joined Liken Home Medical, Wheeling, in a management position.

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