



## Raymond Southern

DIVISION CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRESIDENT

Ray was born and raised in Miami, Florida. He began his career in 1973 as a Project Engineer for Frank J. Rooney, Inc. after receiving a degree in building construction from the University of Florida's M. E. Rinker School of Building Construction. Frank J. Rooney, Inc. was acquired by Centex Corporation in 1978. Ray was promoted to Vice President in 1982 and became Division Manager overseeing Miami operations in 1985. In 1996 Ray became Chief Operational Officer and moved to Weston in Broward County. In 2000 Ray was promoted to Chief Executive Officer for the Florida division. In 2007 Centex Construction was acquired by Balfour Beatty. As CEO and President of the Florida division for Balfour Beatty Construction, he is responsible for the executive management, oversight and leadership in the Florida division that generates project revenues in excess of \$500 million each year. He operates from the Florida division headquarters in Fort Lauderdale.

In addition to his role at a division level, Ray is currently a member of the company's Executive Leadership Team, serving to guide and direct the strategies, future growth, and direction of the entire company. His contributions to the construction industry were recognized by his recent induction into the UF Construction Hall of Fame.

Ray has also served on or participated in many other social, civic and charitable organizations. Currently he serves on the Board of Directors for the BCN South Florida Gator Alumni Association and the Community Foundation. He is an Executive Committee Member of the United Way of Broward County's Tocqueville Society and the University of Florida's M.E. Rinker Sr. Hall, School of Building Construction Advisory Council. Ray is also a Board Member with the Broward Alliance and the Broward Workshop; and a member of the CEO Council for Broward Alliance.

At an executive level, Ray has participated as a Board Member for numerous other organizations over the years, including the Miami-Dade County Product Review Board, Miami Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Circle, Florida Gulf Coast University/Lucas Institute for Real Estate Development and Finance, and the South Florida Chapter of Associated General Contractors.

Ray and his wife Julie live in Weston, Florida with their two children, Rayc and Evan.