

Ray Balentine

Ray Balentine is a Vice President and the Office Executive for Michael Baker International's Mississippi and Alabama operations. Michael Baker is an international consulting engineering firm. In this role, he is responsible for the Ridgeland and Ocean Springs offices in Mississippi and the Mobile, AL office. Their practice in MS and AL consists of transportation, structural, environmental, planning, geospatial technologies among others. He served with the Mississippi Department of Transportation for 25 years. During that time he held a number of positions including the Assistant Roadway Design Engineer, State Planning Engineer, and the Director of Intermodal Transportation Planning. He retired from MDOT in 2007 and has worked in the private sector as a consulting engineer since then.



Ray is active in his community and profession. Among the groups that he supports with his time are:

- Mississippi Transportation Institute – President
- Mississippi Intermodal Council Board of Directors, Past Chairman
- Mississippi Water Resources Board of Directors
- Jackson State University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Advisory Board – Past President
- Madison County Business Foundation & League Transportation Committee Chairman

Ray is a native of Weir, MS in Choctaw County. He has lived in the Jackson Metro area since 1978 after graduating from Mississippi State University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is a licensed professional engineer in 5 states and a professional land surveyor.

He and his wife, Cindy live in Madison and have 2 children, Carrie and Will who also are residents of Madison County. They are all members of the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church.