



## David B. Ratterman

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David B. Ratterman of Louisville, Kentucky, built an international career in construction law after becoming one of the first in his family to attend high school. He worked as a construction laborer through high school before earning a construction industry scholarship to UK. Following service as a naval engineering and intelligence officer, he earned both a Juris Doctor and an MBA from the University of Louisville.

From his Kentucky offices, Ratterman developed a global practice representing the structural steel industry in the United States and advising counterpart industries in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom. He served as an advisor to FEMA on structural failures stemming from the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center towers. His work encompassed major infrastructure and industrial projects, including nuclear, gas turbine and coal-fired power generating stations; professional sports venues; landmark bridges and large-scale mining operations.

In recognition of his commitment to the industry, the American Institute of Steel Construction established the David B. Ratterman Undergraduate Scholarship in 2013, which has awarded 216 need-based scholarships to children of construction workers.

I thank the University of Kentucky where the energy and spark and curiosity and quest of youth grows and matures, where youth can dream, new dreams are challenged by new ideas and are exposed to new cultures. Graduates of the University of Kentucky can compete with anyone anywhere in the world and take a back seat to no one.