

# INDIANA

## FURNITURE

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### **RICH SLAYTON RETIRING FROM INDIANA FURNITURE**

Rich Slayton, President and CEO of Indiana Furniture, has announced his retirement as of December 31, 2009. Slayton has been involved in the wood office furniture industry for over 41 years. He started his career as a Service Forester for the State of Indiana DNR in Tell City. In early 1969, Slayton started with Kimball International (then called The Jasper Corporation) as a Wood Technologist with their R&D Department. Over a twenty-year career with Kimball, Slayton held various production and product design leadership positions.

Slayton went on to become Director of Wood Products for Haworth in Holland, Michigan, followed by Product Engineering Manager for The HON Company in Muscatine, Iowa. After a year's stint as Vice President for the CompX/Waterloo drawer slide company, Slayton returned to Jasper in his current position in February, 2003. Under Slayton's leadership, Indiana Furniture has nearly doubled in sales, added many new products, increased focus on customer relations and improved in efficiency and quality with a focus on Kaizen continuous improvements.

Rich and his wife Naida will use the time to relax in Florida as well as visit many parts of the world that have waited for Slayton's retirement.

Bret Ackerman will succeed Slayton as President and CEO of Indiana Furniture. Ackerman has been with Indiana Furniture for 12 years as CFO and Executive Vice President. Ackerman began his career in public accounting after obtaining a bachelors degree from Indiana University. He worked for Deloitte & Touche in Indianapolis until 1993, when he returned to Jasper as the CFO for Executive Furniture. Ackerman joined the team at Indiana Furniture in 1997. Ackerman and his wife Lauri are both Jasper natives.

#### About Indiana Furniture

Indiana Furniture, based in Jasper, Indiana for over a century, has five production facilities in operation. Employing more than 300 people, Indiana Furniture produces wood and laminate case goods, conferencing furniture, and seating for today's work environments.

Indiana Furniture continues to invest in advanced technology which improves quality and efficiency. This allows us to remain extremely competitive while reducing the impact on the environment. No company can more confidently say—Rely on Us.

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