

2015 Felix A. Anderson Image Award

Gerald M. (Jerry) Belian, PE, FESD
Vice President & Principal, SME



Gerald M. (Jerry) Belian, PE, FESD, retired from SME as Vice President and Principal in April of 2014 after more than 20 years with SME, and with over 50 total years' experience in engineering consulting, management, business development and client relations.

Jerry has been active in many professional and technical organizations, and has encouraged other SME team members to be active as well. He was nominated by his Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) peers and inducted into the ESD's College of Fellows for his technical and professional achievements, commitment to the engineering profession, and for serving as a leader in the industry. He served on the ESD's Construction and Design, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Annual Economic Forecast Committees, and as a judge for the annual Future Cities competition. He also participated in the ESD Institute's Lean Green Schools Symposium. Jerry regularly mentored students interested in pursuing a career in engineering. He was recognized by the ESD in 2007 and 2005 with its Outstanding Leadership Award.

Jerry has been a member of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) for many years, and served as President of MSPE. In 2002, he received MSPE's Steinman Award, and the Outstanding Engineering Award for Professional Engineer in Construction. He is also a Fellow of the NSPE and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

According to SME President, Mark K. Kramer, PE, "Jerry has been an integral part of SME's staff, and the engineering profession, and we applaud him as he moves on to the next phase of his life. He has been instrumental on countless SME projects over the years and a strong mentor to our next generation of engineers. Jerry has exemplified what SME stands for: quality of service, commitment to our clients, and people serving people. Both my late father, Ken Kramer, and myself were proud to have worked with Jerry and to call him our friend."

Jerry is a registered Professional Engineer in the States of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania and Texas. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame. A native of Detroit, Jerry attended Detroit Catholic Central High School and Precious Blood Catholic Elementary School. Jerry and his wife, Sally, have five children and eight grandchildren and reside in Brighton.