

Re: Announcement about our Founder and President, Jonathan Pate

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of our Founder and President, Jonathan Pate, who passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, while vacationing in Mexico.

Jon founded Pate Bonding Inc., in 1991, and through hard work, determination and a passion for serving customers, built it into one of the most successful and respected family-owned surety bond agencies in the construction industry.

Jon's commitment to the industry is legendary. In addition to Pate Bonding, he also founded Granite Re, a surety company, and ran both businesses simultaneously for many years. Perhaps above all else, Jon will be remembered for treating both customers and employees with kindness, dignity and as members of the family. Many of our Pate Bonding employees have been with the agency since the beginning.

As we mourn our loss, we would like to thank you for being a part of our Pate Bonding Family. We would like to reassure you, our valued customers and partners, that your success and satisfaction remain our top priority. Over the past several years, Jon had turned over day-to-day responsibility of the business to the agency's co-owners: his son, Zach, as well as Troy Staples. We promise to continue to provide you with the same high-quality, personalized service you've been receiving for the past three decades.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 651-457-6842.

All of us at Pate Bonding, Inc., are shocked and devastated at Jon's passing – and we are sure you are as well. Please join us in expressing our heartfelt condolences to Jon's family, particularly his wife Cindy, daughter Jessica and son Zach.

Obituary and memorial service information will be available on our website in the days ahead. Please check back soon.