



Ron Bojalad
Senior Vice President, Group Human Resources

Ron Bojalad was named Senior Vice President of Group Human Resources for Darden Restaurants in October 2005. A member of Darden's Operating Team, he is responsible for leading the HR support functions for Darden's operating companies, including talent development, deployment and succession planning.



Darden is the world's largest full-service restaurant operating company with annual sales of \$7.5 billion. The company owns and operates 1,900 Red Lobster, Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Bahama Breeze and Seasons 52 restaurants in North America, employs approximately 180,000 people and serves more than 400 million meals annually. In 2011, Darden became the first full-service restaurant company ever to be named to the FORTUNE "100 Best Companies to Work For" list.

Ron originally joined Darden in 1994 as Director of Employee Relations for Olive Garden, progressing to Vice President of Employment and Employee Relations in 1995. He was named Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Olive Garden in 1997. While there, he played a critical role in helping achieve industry leading performance and creating a unique and powerful culture within the company.

Prior to Darden, Ron worked for General Mills as Personnel Manager for its cereal plant in Buffalo, New York. Prior to that, Ron served in human resource management for Emerson Electric.

Ron received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Kentucky.