

## **BIO (Updated: 11.2018)**

### **Allen E. Gant, Jr.**

*Chairman of the Board  
Glen Raven, Inc.*

Allen E. Gant, Jr. leads the company founded by his grandfather in 1880, which has been family owned throughout Glen Raven's history. Allen joined Glen Raven in 1971 and served in a number of increasingly responsible positions with the company before being named president and CEO in 1996. On October 5, 2017, Allen announced his retirement as CEO and his continuation as the Chairman of the Board.

Gant, who attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was honored with a degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Elon University, is a global business and textile industry leader. He has served as a member of President Bush's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations (ACTPN), member of the Board of Directors of the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (AMTAC), TextilePAC, past chairman and board member of the National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO).

He is also active with numerous community and educational organizations at the local, regional, and state levels including the Board of Trustees for Elon University, Board of Visitors of the UNC School of Business, Board of Trustees of Alamance Regional Medical Center/Cone Health, Piedmont Triad Partnership Board, and Board of Directors of the Alamance County Economic Development Foundation. He has founded local and state organizations such as New Leaf Society and NC Sound Economy stimulated by a passionate for the business community to support public education, economic development, and leadership. His current activities involve serving on the Impact Alamance Foundation Board, Coral Bay Club as President, New Leaf Society, and several North Carolina business and political leadership teams.

Allen and the company have received many accolades over the years from industry to community awards for leadership, innovation, impact, and generosity. Allen received the honor as a Lifetime Member of Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI) and the company was named Textile World Magazine most innovative textile company today. Other recent awards are listed below, in addition to the Meritorious Service Award in Business Administration from the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School.

#### Most Recent Awards:

- Governor's Award-Sportsman of the Year from NC Wildlife Federation for 2016 (9/2017)
- UNC Kenan- Flagler Global Leadership Award (11/2017)
- Dale Carnegie Leadership Award, Commitment to Leadership Excellence, first-time recipient in NC (10/2017)
- American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. – Inducted October 2018