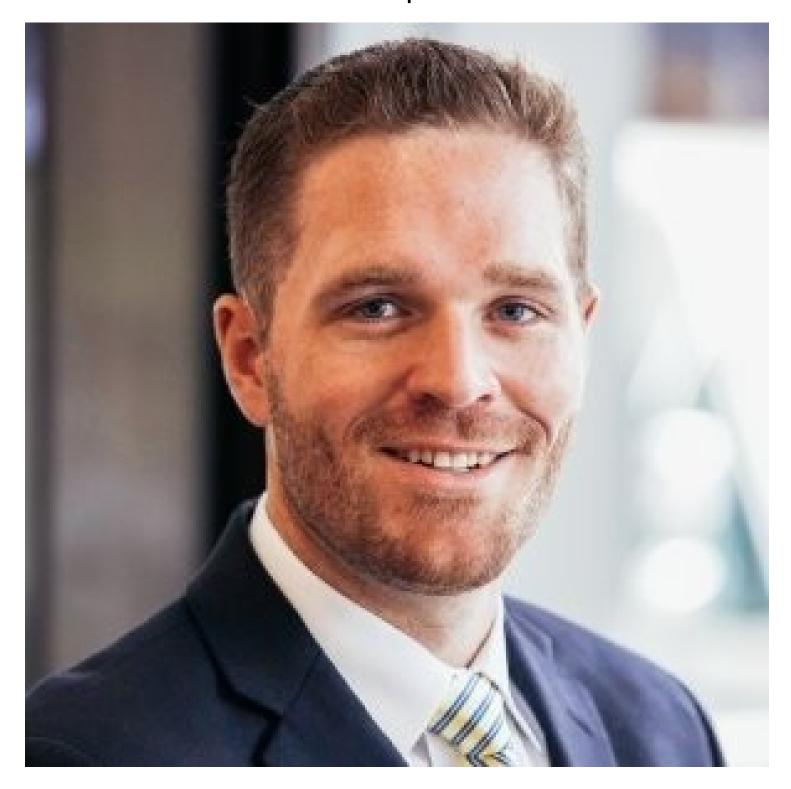


John Ratliff Joins Slayton Search Partners as Vice President and Principal





Slayton Search Partners, a globally respected leader in retained executive search, is delighted to announce that John Ratliff has joined the company as Vice President and Principal.

John will be focused on supporting Slayton partners with engagements in the industrial and consumer sectors, while also developing and expanding his own client relationships.

John joins Slayton from Stanton Chase International, where he developed and executed search work across multiple industries. His accomplishments in managing search execution for both mid-level and senior-level roles position him for success at Slayton. John began his career in logistics, where he was responsible for strategically growing market share.

"I'm excited to join Slayton," comments John. "It is a firm I have admired for its longevity as well as its reputation for high quality search work for both large, global organizations as well as mid-market/PE and closely held businesses. I look forward to being part of the growth of the firm as it approaches its 40th anniversary."

"We're delighted to add John to the Slayton team," comments Richard Slayton, Managing Partner & CEO at Slayton Search Partners. "His experience in retained search across many industries is invaluable to our model of excellence. The business landscape continues to shift and evolve, and we look forward to leveraging John's expertise to address our clients' challenges and enhance our market presence."

John graduated with a degree in Finance, Investment, and Banking from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

About Slayton Search Partners

Slayton Search Partners is a top retained executive search firm, serving some of North America's most recognized companies. Slayton's limit-less® approach to executive search has made the firm the first choice of U.S. businesses and organizations who demand the best possible search results. By focusing on a structure that balances the size needed to do the job with the size needed to deliver personal attention and service, Slayton avoids restrictions that limit traditional search firms. This helps transform the relationships with our clients into a limit-less® opportunity for high-quality solutions.

Slayton's combination of highly experienced and focused search professionals, coupled with its record for attentive



personal service, has made it one of the most highly-respected retained executive search firms in the country.