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George Ranney, Jr. is CEO of Chicago Metropolis 2020, a business-based organization formed by the Commercial Club of Chicago to improve the Chicago region's global competitiveness.

With his wife Vicky, he developed Prairie Crossing, one of the nation's first conservation communities.

Ranney has been a partner or associated with the Mayer Brown law firm since 1966.

He spent much of his career with Inland Steel where he ran the company's mines and served as Vice President and General Counsel.

He served as Illinois' Deputy Budget Director under Governor Ogilvie and led the campaign, which created the Regional Transportation Authority. He chaired the Task Force on the Future of Illinois for Governor Thompson, and Governor Edgar's Task Force on conversion of the Joliet Arsenal to the Midewin Tallgrass Prairie.

He also serves on the boards of the University of Chicago, Field Foundation of Illinois, the Metropolitan Planning Council, WTTW and the Conservation Fund.

Mr. Ranney graduated from Harvard College magna cum laude, and from the University of Chicago Law School, where he edited the Law Review.