

Gettleman Named Panthers New GM

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The Carolina Panthers announced Wednesday that Dave Gettleman has been named the team's general manager. Gettleman comes to Carolina from the New York Giants where he served as the

Senior Pro Personnel Analyst last season after working as Director of Pro Personnel the previous 13 years.

"I was very impressed with Dave's experience and think he will be a very good fit for our organization," Panthers Owner/Founder Jerry Richardson said. "He has an extensive background in personnel and comes from an organization in the New York Giants that I hold in high regard and played an instrumental role in their success."

Said Gettleman: "I am honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to work in the Panthers organization. It is similar to the Giants organization in which I have had the privilege of working the last 15 years and has a lot of pieces in place for success. I am excited about getting started."

"There are a lot of great things in place here. You've got great ownership, a great young quarterback, a solid young head coach and plenty of other things to go along with it. I know some of the people in the personnel department that I'm excited to work with. It's a good nucleus to begin with."

Gettleman has been a part of six Super Bowl teams, including three winners. He was with Buffalo in 1990 and 1991, Denver in 1997 and the Giants in 2000, 2007 and 2011. The Broncos and the 2007 and 2011 Giants both won the championship. Gettleman has been associated with 13 playoff teams in his NFL career.

Gettleman, 61, entered the NFL in 1986 as a scouting department intern for the Buffalo Bills. He became a full-time scout for Buffalo after the 1987 draft. Following a year as an area scout, Gettleman was assigned as the Bills' representative to the BLESTO scouting combine and continued in that capacity through the 1992 draft as the Northeast area scout.

From June 1992 through December 1993, Gettleman worked as a regional scout for BLESTO, concentrating in the East and Midwest regions. In January 1994, Gettleman joined the scouting department of the Broncos, for whom he spent more than four years scouting the East and Southeast.

He began his football career as a teacher-coach at Spackenkill High School in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. As the head coach (1973-1978, 1980-1981) he led his teams to a pair of league titles. He spent a season as a volunteer assistant at Cal State Long Beach (1979). Gettleman joined the faculty of Kingston High School in 1982 and became the head coach in 1984, when he led his team to a Section I Bowl Berth.

Born in Boston, Gettleman earned a bachelor's degree from Springfield (Mass.) College in 1972. He was an offensive tackle on the freshman football team. Gettleman has two master's degrees: one in physical education from Southern Connecticut State (1978) and another in sports

administration (1986) from St. Thomas University in Miami. Gettleman and his wife, Joanne, have three children: Aaron, Sam, and Ana Jane, and live in North Haledon, N.J.

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