

Richard Sisson  
Patient Testimonial  
Storm Eye Institute

Fifteen years ago, Alcon Laboratories Executive Vice President Richard Sisson was a busy executive running the global leader of ophthalmic pharmaceutical and surgical products when he had surgery to repair a cataract in his right eye. Now retired and living in Texas, he noticed blurry vision in his left eye while driving in 2004 and suspected another cataract. Knowing what lay ahead, Mr. Sisson, who could choose any surgeon in the world, consulted with medical experts from around the country to ensure that his choice in surgeon would lead to the best possible outcome. His search led him to Kerry Solomon, MD and the Albert Florens Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina.

After several phone conversations and a face-to-face consultation, Mr. Sisson was confident that he had chosen the best cataract surgeon in the country. “I had been told that Dr. Solomon was very talented,” he says. “After talking with him in person, I knew he had the clinical skills I was looking for, the “hands”, I needed as well.”

Mr. Sisson flew to Storm Eye Institute for surgery in December, 2004. He was surprised at how different the second surgery was from the one he had 15 years ago. “The difference was like night and day. I was pain-free, experienced an immediate improvement in my vision and had an almost instantaneous recovery. Both technology and surgical technique have advanced so much in recent years,” he says.

In fact, in his post-operative visit with Dr. Solomon the day after surgery, Mr. Sisson had 20/20 vision in his left eye. Surgery was a success, and Mr. Sisson happily returned to Texas just three days later.