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Born September 6, 1935 in Evansville, Indiana.

Education

Graduated 1957 from Marquette University, Milwaukee, magna cum laude in Journalism. Editor of college paper. Named outstanding graduate in Journalism by Sigma Delta Chi.

Career

Began at The Evansville Press in May 1951 as part-time sports reporter. Covered sports while attending high school. During college, worked summers in most departments of The Press. Following graduation and U.S. Infantry service, returned to The Press as a general assignment reporter specializing in education and labor. Covered early school integration conflicts in the South in the late 1950s. Became paper's first urban affairs reporter. Covered Indiana legislature. Promoted to assistant city editor in 1960, to city editor in 1962, to managing editor in 1969, and to editor and president in 1975. Also corporate secretary of the Evansville Printing Corporation. Named editor of The Cincinnati Post on July 1, 1977. Became Vice President and General Editorial Manager of Scripps Howard on January 1, 1984. Was named Senior Vice President/Newspapers & Publishing on September 1, 1986. Was named Executive Vice President on March 8, 1990. Named Chief Operating Officer May 17, 1994. Named President and COO August 18, 1994. Named CEO May 23, 1996. Named Chairman of the Board May 20, 1999. Retired as CEO September 2000. Chairman, Executive Committee - 2002-Present.

Activities

Director, the Associated Press (1989-98); Vice Chairman (1997-98)

Chairman, American Press Institute (1995-98)

President, American Society of Newspaper Editors Foundation (1987-94)

Chairman, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington (2002-present)

President of Leadership Evansville (1977)

Chairman of Leadership Cincinnati (1979-81)

Founding trustee, First Amendment Congress (1979-81)

American Society of Newspaper Editors, Member of Press/Bar Committee, 1978-80; chairman, Press/Bar Committee, 1980-81; chairman, Nominations Committee, 1984-85; vice-chairman, Freedom of Information Committee, 1985; chairman, Freedom of Information Committee, 1986.

Co-editor, "Free Press & Fair Trial," ASNE/ANPA, 1982

Pulitzer Prize juror, 1983, 1984, 1992 and 1993

Chairman Emeritus, Good Samaritan Hospital

Past chair, Board of Trustees, Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce

Past chair, Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Director, Ohio National Financial Services, Inc. - 1990-2006

Chairman, Governance Committee; past chair, Audit Committee

Founding Co-Chairman, Metropolitan Growth Alliance

Former Chair, "Angel" Board, Greater Cincinnati Technology Initiative

Member of All Saints Catholic Church, Walton KY

Member, National Review Board, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops - 2002-2004

Co-author, "A Report on the Crisis in the Catholic Church in the United States," prepared by the Board for the protection of children and young people.

Former Trustee, Rabbit Hash Historical Society

Board member and former Treasurer, American Association of the Order of Malta

American Association representative, International Association of Catholic Bioethicists - 2005

Co-Leader of Jubilee Year 2000 Order of Malta pilgrimage to Lourdes

Member of Legatus and former Vice-Chairman

Director, Hebrew Union College Ethics Center - 1996-2000

Member of Alpha Sigma Nu national honorary, The Literary Club of Cincinnati, Queen City Club, Commercial Club, Cincinnati Country Club, Metropolitan Club, Legatus and Order of Malta (Knight in Obedience).

Honors

Winner of the 1973 By-Line Award given to Marquette University alumni who have distinguished themselves in communications.

Alumnus of the Year - Marquette University, 1998.

Recognized by the Hoosier State Press Association for editorial writing, 1972, 1973. Winner, 1977, Press Club of Evansville award for best editorial writing. Winner, 1977, Indiana UPI citation for distinguished editorial writing.

Honorary Doctor of Letters, University of Southern Indiana, 1979; Cincinnati State, 1997.

1996 Brotherhood Award - National Conference of Christians and Jews.

American Jewish Committee, Human Relations Award, 2000.

Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame, 1996. Cincinnati Journalism Hall of Fame, 1998.

Anvil of Freedom Award, University of Denver, 2000.

Isaiah Thomas Award, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2000.

Military Service

U.S. Army - Infantry - 1959-60

Indiana National Guard - 1960-65