

Brief Biography of Commissioner James H. Quello

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Senior FCC Commissioner Jim Quello, "Dean" of the FCC with over 20 years service. Appointed and confirmed 4 different terms -- current term expiring July 1, 1996. Former VP and GM of Station WJR, Detroit. As a broadcaster, he was recognized for his leadership roles in civic and public service projects -- too numerous to list.

While managing Station WJR, he served as a Detroit Housing and Urban Renewal Commissioner for 21 years appointed by four different Mayors. He also served for 22 years as a Trustee for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund appointed by both Democratic and Republican governors.

He served in the Army during World War II for five years; 33 months overseas in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. He survived six amphibious landings, earned a few decorations and campaign ribbons and rose in rank from lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel.



Commissioner Quello who distinguished himself as interim FCC Chairman for 11 months has received just about every telecommunications award and honor. At last count, he has received 26 which he humorously calls pre-posthumous awards. He also claims that age generates venerability -- "When you become venerable, you get credit for virtues you never possessed."

He is a former president and Lifetime Achievement Award winner of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. At the 1994 NAB convention, he was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of Broadcasters -- the highest national honor.

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters once introduced the Commissioner as a cross between Damon Runyan and the Godfather. He also was once characterized as "Trumanesque" for his forthright, down to earth, approach to government deliberations.

James H. Quello, Commissioner

FCC Commissioner Jim Quello can derive satisfaction knowing his efforts were appreciated both as a Commissioner and FCC Interim Chairman during his 20 years at the FCC.

With many prestigious 1994 awards added to his many previous awards, Quello probably becomes the most "appreciated" Commissioner in FCC history. Quello uses his classic humorous acknowledgement to his benefactors --- "I appreciate this pre-posthumous award at this time so we can enjoy the occasion together." He also states "With age comes venerability -- being venerable you get credit for virtues you never had."

Awards and Honors

National Association of Broadcasters' highest award, *1994 Distinguished Service Award*, March 1994.

Radio and Television News Directors Foundation's *First Amendment Award*, April 1994.

National Religious Broadcasters' *Chairman Award*, February 1, 1994.

National Association of Broadcasters' *Award of Honor*, "for Protecting the Technical Integrity of Radio and Television Service" (48th Annual Broadcast Engineering Conference, March 21, 1994).

Coalition of Italo-American Association's *National Leadership in Communication Award* "for serving as a role model for the entire Italian-American community," September 16, 1994.

MSTV's *Jack Harris Foundation Award* "in recognition of his tireless and effective leadership spanning 20 years in the FCC..." (October 25, 1994).

Alaska's Broadcasting's prestigious *"President's" Award*, January 14, 1994.

Community Broadcaster Association's *Lifetime Achievement Award*, November 7, 1994.

Broadcasters of America's *Georgia Broadcasters Award* in deep gratitude for extraordinary service, 1994.

Detroit Adcraft Club's *Club Director's Award* for outstanding career achievement. This award has been bestowed upon twelve recipients during the Club's 60-year history, 1993.

NABER *Chairman's Award* "for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the mobile communications industry," 1993.

Pennsylvania Association of Broadcaster's *Golden Eagle Ambassador*, 1993.

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Commissioner J. Quello, Highlights of Awards and Honors (Continued)...

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Distinguished Service plaque from State presidents and National Association of Broadcasters, 1993.

Federal Communications Bar Association (FeBA) *Distinguished Service* plaque for his interim chairmanship, lauded at a ceremony by senior, former FCC Chairmen -- Newton Minow, Bill Henry, Dick Wiley, Charles Ferris, Mark Fowler, Dennis Patrick, and Al Sikes, 1993.

Michigan Association of Broadcaster's *Lifetime Achievement Award*, 1993 Annual Convention.

American Women in Radio and Television *Silver Satellite Award*, 1988.

Ohio Educational Television Stations' "*Obie*" Award given annually for outstanding contributions to educational broadcasting, 1986.

Council of UHF Broadcasting *Golden Bow Tie Plaque* "for outspoken advocacy of UHF Improvement with respect and gratitude," 1990.

Wireless Cable Association International's *Golden Eagle Leadership Award*, international convention, 1989.

Long Island Coalition for Fair Broadcasting's plaque "presented to Interim Chairman James H. Quello, Conscientious Broadcaster, Forthright and Fair-Minded Regulator, Steadfast Champion of the Public Interest," 1993.

Broadcast Pioneer's *Distinguished Service Award* -- upcoming -- December 2, 1994.

Numerous other state association awards.

Also during his active 11-month interim chairmanship, Commissioner Quello was gratified by favorable editorials or articles in the New York Times, Detroit News, Chicago Tribune, Atlantic Journal, National Journal, Modern Maturity, Electronic Media and Broadcasting & Cable Magazine, and laudatory letters from President Clinton, Chairman John Dingell and Republican leader of the House Communications Committee, Jack Field.