

Brief Biography of Commissioner James H. Quello

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.

Commissioner Quello who distinguished himself as interim FCC Chairman for 11 months has received just about every telecommunications award and honor. At latest 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.

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