

**QUELLO INTRODUCTION OF DICK WILEY
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS' DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY**

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I'M DELIGHTED TO SEE MY LONGTIME ESTEEMED FRIEND DICK WILEY AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS NAB DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. HIS SERVICE DURING AND AFTER THE FCC HAS BEEN TRULY DISTINGUISHED – AND I SPEAK FROM OVER 27 YEARS OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND EVALUATION.

HE WAS THE MOST PRACTICAL AND MOST EFFECTIVE CONSENSUS BUILDING OF ALL THE FCC CHAIRMAN I SERVED WITH, AND NOW THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND INFLUENTIAL LEGAL PRACTITIONER – A GREAT BI-PARTISAN ROLE MODEL FOR ME.

IN A LIGHTER VEIN, I CONSIDER HIM THE GREATEST FULLTIME FCC CHAIRMAN. (REMEMBER, I WAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY ACTIVE FCC CHAIRMAN FOR A YEAR).

SO, DICK DESERVES THE ALL-TIME FULLTIME GOLD MEDAL AND AT MY ADVANCED AGE, (ALSO, PARDON THIS SELF-SERVING REFERENCE, ALSO A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDEE), MAYBE I CAN GET AWAY WITH A LAME CLAIM TO THE SILVER.

OPTIONAL: WHEN I JOINED THE FCC IN 1974, I QUIETLY BELIEVED THEY HAD AN EXCESS OF POWER AND A SHORTAGE OF COMMON SENSE OR PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE INDUSTRIES THEY WERE REGULATING, PARTICULARLY BROADCASTING. I WAS RELIEVED AND PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO SEE A DOWN-TO-EARTH, KNOWLEDGEABLE CHAIRMAN WHO BELIEVED IN BEING FAIR-MINDED TO THE REGULATED INDUSTRIES – PARTICULARLY BROADCASTING, WHICH WAS UNDERGOING REGULATORY ABUSE WITH UNWARRANTED PETITIONS TO DENY THEIR LICENSE – REMEMBER THE PETITIONS TO DENY AND THE COMPARATIVE HEARING CHALLENGES OF THE 70S AND EARLY 80S?? FREQUENTLY WITH SO-CALLED GREEN-MAIL OR BLACKMAIL PAYOFFS REQUIRED!

SO, WHOLEHEARTED CONGRATULATIONS, DICK. ALSO CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NAB COMMITTEE FOR SELECTING AN AWARDEE WITH A REMARKABLE LIFETIME OF DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP BOTH IN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

SO, GOD BLESS AMERICAN BROADCASTERS AND THE SUPER ACHIEVER, PATRIOTIC, EMINENTLY FAIR-MINDED DICK WILEY!

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