

## Accounting Hall of Fame

### Testimonial to H. Larry Doane,

Given by Wendy Doyle, Associate Professor Mount Saint Vincent University.

Inducted May 11, 1992.

It is my pleasure to introduce Larry Doane as tonight's second inductee into the Accounting Hall of Fame. We are honouring Larry for his many contributions to the profession at the national and professional levels, for his leadership role in the field of taxation and for his numerous contributions to the community.

Larry attended public school in Halifax and received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Dalhousie University in 1955. He immediately entered public practice with H.R. Doane and Company, and obtained his Chartered Accountant's designation in 1957. He became a partner and has served the firm in a number of offices: Kentville, Stephenville, Halifax, New Glasgow, and finally Halifax again, where he established a tax office in 1970. At that time, he was the only practitioner in Atlantic Canada who was a full-time tax specialist.

Larry was Chairman of the Management Committee of Doane Raymond from 1974 to 1988. He has made a substantial contribution to the success of the firm through his pioneering efforts in developing the tax practice, his involvement in firm-wide affairs and his visibility in the Canadian professional community at large.

Larry Doane established and developed the tax practice of Doane Raymond; however, his involvement in the tax field extended well beyond his firm. He has always been in demand as a lecturer and as an author in the tax field.

Larry was the author of the CICA's "Income Tax Practice" course for general practitioner CAs. This intensive one week in-residence program is still being taught 15 years later (with updates, of course) to approximately 400 CAs a year.

Larry has been a lecturer for the CICA in business valuation, personal financial planning and income tax. As well he has been a lecturer and author for Doane Raymond courses and also for various business and professional associations on a local, national and international basis. He has taught in the Atlantic School of Chartered Accountancy's program and lectured at the Atlantic Provinces Tax Seminar.

Larry is an excellent communicator who is in demand by media people and he had participated in many open-line radio and television shows. He has also appeared before House of Commons committees as an expert witness in the taxation area.

In addition to writing and publishing, lecturing, practising and developing Doane Raymond's tax practise, Larry has been an advisor in the area of tax policy and tax administration. He was a member of the Advisory Board of the Canada Pension Plan from 1978 to 1980 and previously had spent two years as a member of the Advisory Board of Revenue Canada Taxation. Larry was also a member of the CICA and Canadian Bar Association's Joint Committee on Taxation from 1976 to 1978.

Larry has been an active member of the Canadian Tax Foundation which is the leading Canadian body in tax policy matters. His involvement has included the preparation, presentation and publication of papers and often these presentations were to 1,500 people who were mainly tax practitioners. In 1985, Larry served as Chairman of the Canadian Tax Foundation.

An extensive and continuing part of Larry's career has been his involvement with the provincial and national CA institutes. He has chaired a number of committees for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia, including its Tax and Research Committee, was an active member of council for several years and was president in 1968-69 as well as the Nova Scotia representative on the board of governors of the Canadian Tax Foundation. In recognition of his many contributions, Larry received the F.C.A. designation in 1978.

At the national level, he has been Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and the Tax Courses Committee of the CICA. As First Vice-President, he was Chairman of its Policy Planning Committee and of the Coordinating Council of Chartered Accountants in Canada, on which all provincial institutes and the CICA are represented. As President of the CICA in 1983, he served on yet more committees as well as the Board of Governors and Executive Committee. A very important issue which Larry addressed during his term was the changing demand for the services of chartered accountants beyond the areas of auditing and taxation. Being CICA president involved many hours, constant travel, numerous meetings and a lot of hard work as a public profile must be maintained and administrative duties attended to. It also required diplomacy skills as consensus building among provincial and national groups and among groups from different areas of the country is important. It is interesting to note that Larry was the institute's first second-generation president, as his father, Harvey Doane, was CICA president in 1949-50.

When Larry was CICA president, he cautioned new graduates against viewing their role too narrowly. Larry has certainly followed his own advice and given generously of his time. In addition to his professional activities, he has been very active in the community. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University as well as Chairman of their Finance and Budget Committee and Annual Fund. He has been an active fundraiser with the United Way, the Salvation Army, the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children, the Grace Maternity Hospital, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Y.W.C.A., Sacred Heart School and Dalhousie University. In addition, he has been a board member and Treasurer of the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital, and a board member of the Technical University of Nova Scotia and Sacred Heart School.

Larry and his wife Elise has four children, two of whom have also followed the CA path - one son received his CA designation last year and one presently is a finalist in the CA program. In spite of the time he committed to his profession and his community, Larry has made it a point to find time for skiing and sailing with his family over the years.

Tonight we recognize, honour, and thank Larry Doane for his many contributions to the profession at the national and professional levels, for his leadership role in the field of taxation, and for his numerous contributions to the community.

Ladies and gentlemen, Larry Doane.

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