

Fritz E. Attaway retired from the Motion Picture Association of America in September, 2012, after more than 36 years of service to that organization. MPAA is a trade association representing the six major U.S. producers and distributors of motion pictures, TV programs and home video entertainment.

As Executive Vice President and Special Policy Advisor at MPAA, Attaway provided legal advice and direction for all public policy activities of the association. Attaway also directed the preparation and filing of amicus briefs on behalf of the Association and its member companies in litigation involving issues that impact industry interests. The issues of primary concern to MPAA included communications, copyright, and international trade matters that affect MPAA member companies.

Attaway was an Attorney-Advisor in the Cable Television Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission from 1973 to 1976 where he was involved in numerous rulemaking proceedings concerning cable television and pay TV. In 1976 he was invited to join MPAA by its then President, Jack Valenti, who Attaway served for 28 years until Valenti's retirement.

In addition to his position at MPAA, Attaway served on the board of directors of The Copyright Collective of Canada and was a member of the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy of the U.S. State Department.

Attaway received a J.D. Degree from the University of Chicago in June of 1973 after serving in the U.S. Army 10th Special Forces Group. He attended The College of Idaho where he received a B.A., with honors, in 1968.

Attaway was born on July 12, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan and was raised in Caldwell, Idaho. He resides in Jamestown, Rhode Island, with his wife, Pembroke.