



**Frank Stanton**  
**1908 - 2006**

*Inducted 2001*

Frank Stanton was a distinguished broadcast executive who brought leadership to the Columbia Broadcasting System during his 25 year presidency from 1946 to 1971. Stanton acquired a reputation as the unofficial spokesperson for the broadcasting industry. His opinions were routinely sought, his speeches repeatedly quoted, and his testimony before Congress recognized as a major part of any debate about the broadcasting field. Frank Stanton was instrumental in bringing about the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon debates. He was known as a staunch defender of broadcast's First Amendment rights: in fact, he was cited three times for Contempt of Congress by the House of Representatives for refusing to turn over materials related to his 1971 documentary *The Selling of the Pentagon*. For his courageous protection of the concept of the freedom of the press, Stanton is called by some the patron saint of broadcast journalism.

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