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ITA Announces Len Allen as 2008 recipient of the

Linda S. Weindruch Award

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The Iowa Taxpayers Association announced today the 2008 recipient of the Linda S. Weindruch Award. **Leonard B. Allen** will be presented with the Award at the ITA Annual Meeting on December 9th in Des Moines.

Leonard B. Allen was the State and Local Tax Manager for Deere & Company from 1973 to 1995. Len was very active in the Iowa Taxpayers Association and was Chair from 1991-1993.

Before assuming the Chairmanship, Len was actively involved in the ITA Committee structure, assisting ITA in supporting some of our most significant accomplishments for manufacturing in the state of Iowa. Throughout his tenure with the Iowa Taxpayers Association and John Deere, Len provided quality expertise, leadership, and was a steady hand during challenging times. His professional manner and commitment to enhancing the corporate tax structure in Iowa ultimately enhanced ITA's stature and benefited the Iowa business community as a whole.

Len graduated from Colorado State University with a MS Degree in Business Administration. He and his wife, Lee have two daughters.

The Iowa Taxpayers Association offers this award in memory and in recognition of Linda S. Weindruch who died after a long battle with multiple sclerosis in October 2004. Ms. Weindruch was an active, long-time member of the Iowa Taxpayers Association. She was a tremendous friend of Iowa business and worked diligently to develop and shape legislative and regulatory policy that supported sound taxation principles. She was an attorney, law school lecturer, noted Iowa tax authority, and advocate for the rights of disabled Americans.

The **purpose of this award** is to recognize outstanding accomplishments and contributions in promoting and protecting the principles and policies of fair business taxation. Recipients achieve recognition through the attributes that epitomize Linda S. Weindruch: Advocacy, Leadership, Fairness, and Strong Moral Compass.

One of Ms. Weindruch's most notable career achievements was her work involving the passage of the **Iowa Taxpayers' Procedural Bill of Rights** in 1994. This legislation represented significant advances on behalf of taxpayers and those doing business with the Iowa Department of Revenue. In addition to providing important safeguards for Iowa taxpayers, the legislation clearly defined the obligations and responsibilities of the Department.

ITA 73rd Annual Meeting

December 8-9, 2008

West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel

West Des Moines, Iowa

Meeting registration forms and details are available at

www.iowataxpayers.org.

