



The Linda S. Weindruch Award 2011

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Purpose:

To recognize outstanding accomplishments and contributions in promoting and protecting the principles and policies of fair business taxation.

In Recognition:

The Iowa Taxpayers Association offers this award in memory and in recognition of Linda S. Weindruch. Linda was an active, long-time member of the Iowa Taxpayers Association. She was elected to serve on its Board of Directors in 1994, serving ten active years. She was a tremendous friend of Iowa business and worked diligently to develop and shape legislative and regulatory policy that supported sound taxation principles.

Linda was an attorney, law school lecturer, noted Iowa tax authority, and advocate for the rights of disabled Americans. One of her most notable career achievements was her work involving the passage of the Iowa Taxpayers' Procedural Bill of Rights. As chair of the Iowa Bar Association's Taxation Section, Linda worked with the Iowa Department of Revenue, the governor's office, and members of the General Assembly for passage of the bill that legally recognized certain fundamental procedural rights to which all Iowa taxpayers are entitled. In 1994, she was presented the Iowa State Bar Association President's Award in recognition for her work in its passage.

Reflecting on her personal civic leadership, Iowa Governor Thomas Vilsack appointed Linda as a member of the state's Vocational Rehabilitation Council in 2004.

Linda was a 1983 graduate of Drake University Law School with Honors, Order of Coif. In 1988 she received her LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law. She received her B.A. from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa.

Overall Criteria:

The Linda S. Weindruch Award will be given annually to an individual who has demonstrated within the past decade his or her commitment to the principles of fair business taxation that Linda so revered. The individual's accomplishment/s must have had a positive impact on Iowa's business tax climate and great significance to a broad section of the business community. The award recipient should have achieved recognition through the attributes that epitomize Linda: Advocacy, Leadership, Fairness and Strong Moral Compass.

In 2009, it was announced that a scholarship fund would be established for a third year law school student from Drake University with the first award in 2010.

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Past Award Recipients:

2005 - Harry M. Griger, Iowa Special Assistant Attorney General

2006 - Former Iowa State Senator, Mary C. Neuhauser, and former Iowa State Representative, Dwight L. Dinkla

2007 – Steven R. Evans, MidAmerican Energy

2008 – Leonard B. Allen, Retired, Deere & Company

2009 - Burns Mossman, (Posthumously)

2010 – Gretchen Hayne Tegeler, Iowa Department of Management

2011 – John Lewis, Public Affairs Resources

Scholarship Recipients:

2010 – Alyssa Snyder, Drake University

2011 – Adam Kaduce, Drake University