



JULE HANNAFORD III – PROMINENT TWIN CITIES ATTORNEY, LED COMMITTEE FOR 15 YEARS

Jule Hannaford III was the chair of the St. Paul-Minneapolis Committee on Foreign Relations from 1956 to 1970, the second longest tenure for anyone in that post, and an active member for at least 34 years.

Before 1956, he served for nearly a decade as secretary of the group in a time when that job often carried more responsibilities than being the chair. Joseph Barber, who handled relations with the committees for the Council on Foreign Relations, suggested as much in a "Welcome Mr. Secretary" letter he sent to Hannaford in 1947.

"The duties will not be too onerous," Barber wrote. "The Council generally undertakes to provide at least half of the speakers required by the Committee, but as you can see, this leaves plenty of room for initiative on the part of secretaries."

Hannaford, just 34 years old then, had recently returned from Washington, where he had been assistant general counsel to the Joint Congressional Committee on the Investigation of Pearl Harbor. "We are all very enthusiastic to have a young man take over the secretaryship," Arthur Upgren, then a leader of the Committee and also influential in the Council, told Barber in a letter.

Hannaford remained on the organization's Executive Committee until his death in 1981.

He received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and graduated from Yale's Law School in 1938. Then he joined the predecessor firm of today's Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis. In 1941, he took a wartime job with the Roosevelt administration. Edward Stettinius, a top advisor to President Roosevelt, recruited him to work for the nation's Lend Lease effort. Hannaford spent the war years as a Lend Lease officer in Washington and London. After Stettinius became Secretary of State, Hannaford assisted him in writing "Lend Lease for Victory," an accounting of the program.

He practiced at the Dorsey firm until his death, leading the firm as its managing partner for a number of years. From 1976 to 1982, the firm was known as Dorsey, Windhorst, Hannaford, Whitney and Halladay. Hannaford was widely known in Minnesota's legal, business and professional communities. He chaired the bar association's Corporation, Banking and Business Law Committee from 1961 to 1971, and was counsel for the Minnesota Medical Association for many years. Hannaford was nationally known for his expertise in professional corporations.

The Hannaford name has long been a familiar one in the Upper Midwest. Jule Hannaford III's grandfather moved to Minnesota after the Civil War and made his career with the Northern Pacific Railway, eventually serving as president. The city of Hannaford, in North Dakota, was named after him when it was laid out by the railroad late in the 19th Century. Hannaford's son, Minneapolis attorney Jule Hannaford IV, is a member of the Committee.

