Leonard A. Hadley

Leonard Hadley retired as chairman and chief executive officer of the Maytag Corporation, headquartered in Newton, Iowa, in August 1999. He was a member of the firm's Board of Directors from 1985 to 1999. He returned to Maytag as president and CEO from November 2000 to June 2001.

Born in Earlham, Iowa, Hadley received his BSC degree in accounting from the University of Iowa in 1958, after which he studied law for a year. Prior to enrolling at Iowa, Hadley attended Drake University and served in the Army Signal Corps.

Hadley joined Maytag as a cost accountant in 1959 and held a number of financial positions before becoming assistant controller in 1975. He was named vice president of corporate planning in 1979 and president of the Maytag Company in 1986. He was promoted to executive vice president of the corporation in 1989. In that same year, he became head of the appliance group and was named chief operating officer in February 1991 and CEO in April 1992. He assumed the additional role of chairman in December 1992.

He has served as a director for numerous companies including Deere & Company, Snap-on Inc., H-Power, and Norwest Bank of Iowa.

He is a member of the University of Iowa Foundation Board of Directors and the UI Presidents Club, and he has received the UI Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award (1995), the Department of Accounting Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Tippie College’s Oscar C. Schmidt Leadership Award (1996). He was elected to the Iowa Business Hall of Fame in 1998. In addition, he received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in May 2014 in recognition of his leadership and advocacy on behalf of the college and his commitment to the missions of the college and the university.

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