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Academic Degree

Mr. Edwards was educated at Heatherdown School, England and the Grange School, Santiago, Chile. He is a professional attorney graduated from the University of Chile. He also studied at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Studies, University of Princeton, graduating in 1949 with an A.B. Cum Laude distinction.

Professional Activities

Chairman and Publishier of the Empresa El Mercurio S.A.P. newspaper publishing company. Mr. Edwards himself is editor of the El Mercurio daily, a position he has held since 1982. he also serves as Chairman and Publishier of Diarios Regionales, which publishes 19 regional newspaper in Chile. Mr. Edwards served as a journalist on the “Herald Tribune”, Paris and for “The Times”, London.

Previously, he worked in the international section of the “El Mercurio” newspaper. Afterwards, he continued is career in “La Segunda” and “Las Ultimas Noticias”, where he served as Assistant Editor. As a journalist, he received the University of Columbia’s “Maria Moors Cabot” award, and was conferred awards by the University of Missouri and the Journalists Association of Ecuador.

Mr. Edwards is Director of the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA). He was elected President of IAPA in 1969 and, as such, Life Director. Within the IAPA, he was a founding member of the Committee for Press Freedom and of the Technical and Scholarships Commissions.

He is President of the Diarios America Group and the Claudio Gay Foundation, an entity that diffuses information about Chile's native plant and tree heritage. He is the founder and President of the *Paz Ciudadana Foundation*, a citizen security organization that fights against social violence and drug abuse. He is also the founder and Chairman of the Pais Digital Foundation, which promotes the use of TIC's in Chile.

Mr. Edwards is a Member of the Advisory Committee for the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University. He serves as an Advisor to the Board of the Hogar de Cristo; a non-profit Chilean organization aimed at the eradication of poverty.