



William J Hickey, III inducted into LPIA Hall of Fame

ST. PAUL, MN December 5, 2007 --/For immediate release/-- William J. Hickey, III of Smyth Companies, Inc. has been inducted into the Label Printing Industry of America (LPIA) Hall of Fame, an honor which has been bestowed on seven other printing industry leaders, including his father, the late William J. Hickey, Jr. This most recent induction took place in a ceremony November 6, 2007 at LPIA's fall management conference in Miami.



Mark Glendenning makes LPIA Hall of Fame presentation to Wm. J. Hickey, III

LPIA is an advocacy group composed of label printers and suppliers. The organization supports members and promotes the industry through conferences and programs related to industry trends and best practices, recognition of innovative members, and moving the industry toward standardization. The Hall of Fame, as LPIA describes it "is conferred to that label printing executive (printer or supplier) who has reached an unsurpassed level of excellence and achievement in the industry — a leader who has gone far beyond the standard obligations to become a dominant force in shaping the business of label printing."

Wm. J. Hickey, Jr. and Wm. J. Hickey, III are the only father and son inductees into the Hall. The elder Hickey was inducted posthumously in 2002. Both have served as chairman of the LPIA Board of Directors, with Wm. III serving in that role currently. He also serves on a number of boards and committees for various civic and charitable organizations, including: United Way, Buy Scouts of America, Minnesota State Handball Association, and local church and school groups.

Smyth Companies is a Minnesota-based printer specializing in the production of labels for mass-marketed consumer goods products. The company has two plants in Minnesota, one in Virginia, and a bottle labeling facility in Colorado. Smyth employs approximately 350 people, and celebrates 130 years in business in 2007. Wm. Hickey, III has been with the business since 1979 in a variety of capacities including sales and operations management. He is currently Smyth's president.

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