



Industry leader J. Paul Sticht had an early engineering career with U.S. Steel Company. In 1944 he worked with Trans World Airlines and in 1948 moved to the Campbell Soup Company. He became assistant to the president of Campbell Soup Company and later was named vice president of Campbell Soups International.

Federated Department Stores, Inc., called Sticht in 1960 to become its executive vice president and director. In 1965, he was elected vice chairman of the board.

Sticht then served as chairman of the executive committee at R.J. Reynolds. He was named president in 1973, remaining on the board after retirement in 1984. He returned from retirement twice for the company, first in 1987 as chairman, then again in 1989 as acting chairman and CEO. During his time as president, then chairman and chief executive of the RJR organization, the company grew from a domestic tobacco company to a world leader in the consumer products business. Among its subsidiaries were Nabisco, Del Monte, Heublein, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and both the international and domestic RJR tobacco companies.

He received the National Governors' Association's Special Award for Outstanding Citizen Contributions to State Government in 1982 and the National Association of Corporate Directors "Director of the Year" Award in 1989.

Sticht served on many boards, including Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, Chrysler, S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

A member of the Grove City College Board of Trustees for 40 years beginning in 1963, he chaired the board from 1998 to 2003 and was named trustee emeritus in 2004. He also served on the Alumni Council and received the Distinguished Service Award in 2003.

He passed away March 27, 2007.

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