

**Fritz Attaway**

Executive Vice President and Special Policy Advisor  
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**Biography**

Fritz Attaway is an Executive Vice President and MPAA Special Policy Advisor. Reporting to President and acting CEO, Bob Pisano, Attaway provides legal advice and direction for all federal public policy activities of the association. Attaway also participates in the management of worldwide public policy interests for the association and its member companies. The issues of primary concern to MPAA include communications, copyright, and international trade matters impacting MPAA member companies.

Attaway joined MPAA in 1976 after serving as Attorney-Advisor in the Cable Television Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission where he was involved in numerous rulemaking proceedings concerning cable television and pay TV.

He was promoted to Vice President of Congressional Affairs in 1978, was named Senior Vice President in 1986, and Washington General Counsel was added to his title in 1993. In 2005 his title became Special Policy Advisor. He has held the post of Executive Vice President since 2000.

In addition to his position at MPAA, Attaway is an officer of the Motion Picture Association which represents MPAA member companies abroad, and serves on the board of directors of The Copyright Collective of Canada. Attaway is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy of the U.S. State Department.

In 1970 Attaway commenced his legal training at the University of Chicago where he was awarded a National Honors Scholarship. He received his J.D. Degree in June of 1973. Attaway is a member of the District of Columbia and Federal Communications Bar Associations and is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of the State of Idaho, and United States District Court for the District of Idaho. Attaway received his primary and secondary education in Caldwell, Idaho and attended The College of Idaho where he received a B.A., with honors, in 1968. He majored in political science and business administration.

MPAA is an assembly of six of the world's largest producers and distributors of theatrical films, TV programs, and home video entertainment. They are Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.; The Walt Disney Studios; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp.; Universal City Studios LLLP; and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.