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*Legal leader in co-ops. Swanson, recognized as an educator too*

*MINNEAPOLIS, July 22, 2009 -- A quarter of a century working on behalf of cooperatives has made lawyer David P. Swanson special as a legal professional. Add to that his work as an educator in cooperatives, he becomes rare.*

*Swanson, chair of the Agribusiness, Rural Electric and Cooperatives practice group at the global law firm Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Minneapolis, receives the Professional Contribution by an ACE Member award at The Depot Minneapolis on July 29.*

*Swanson also serves as Vice-President of Northcountry Cooperative Development Fund (NCDF) after six years as President. He is Second Vice Chair of the National Cooperative Business Association and a director of the Northcountry Cooperative and Ralph K. Morris foundations. He has been actively involved in cooperative education, including as the chair of the Mergers and Acquisitions and Joint Ventures Subcommittee of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives Legal Tax and Accounting Committee, as an active member of the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives, and is a frequent speaker and commenter on matters relating to cooperatives.*

*“Dave Swanson is the consummate cooperator -- always willing to listen, look forward, take the lead or assist when necessary; he makes connections and is passionate about the cooperative way of doing business,” says cooperative consultant Louis Doering.*

*Scott Jax of SPIRE Federal Credit Union adds that Swanson’s support of cooperative organizations and the education they provide was particularly evident in his recent NCDF leadership at a critical period: “He was instrumental in the development of a preferred stock offering, reorganization, and new strategic positioning.”*

*Others receiving ACE awards at the association’s annual institute are William J. Nelson, president of the CHS Foundation, Tanya Gracie of the Canadian Co-operative Association in Ottawa; Amy Fredregill, vice president of the Cooperative Network committed to building cooperative businesses in Wisconsin and Minnesota; Minnesota pioneer Wedge Community Co-op, and La Coop fédérée, based in Montreal, Canada, which is recognized for its director education program.*

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*ACE is a membership organization that links educators, researchers, cooperative members, and cooperative developers across cooperative sectors and national borders to enhance cooperative development, strengthen cooperatives, promote professionalism and improve public understanding.*

*Registration and program information for the 2009 Institute in Minneapolis on July 28-31 is at [www.ace.coop](http://www.ace.coop) in French, English and Spanish.*

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