

Frank L. Martin III

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Son of Frank Lee Martin Jr., who bought the West Plains Daily Quill in 1946, and grandson of Frank Lee Martin, the second dean of the Missouri School of Journalism. Martin went to work for his father as managing editor of The Quill in 1975 after graduation from the Missouri School of Journalism and four years working for the New Orleans Times-Picayune. He became editor, publisher and president of The Quill in 1983. Under his leadership, The Quill has earned many awards and recognition for excellence in journalism. Was appointed to the Missouri Press-Bar Commission in 1999. Has served as volunteer media coordinator for two judicial circuits. Former president and trustee of West Plains Memorial Hospital. He is an outspoken champion of civil liberties and human rights, using his editorial pen to scold and lecture when necessary. Calling him “The Bravest Newsmen” for a campaign against hate groups, George magazine presented him with a George Award in 2000.