

## **RAY L. LILLYWHITE**

The late Ray Lillywhite (1912–2004) was a pioneer in public pension administration, who for decades guided state employee pension plans. Lillywhite had distinguished careers in the investment management and employee benefits fields, and helped found numerous professional organizations and educational programs.



Lillywhite was born in Brigham City, Utah, and graduated from Utah State University, where he was student body president. He also earned degrees from American University in Washington, DC. He volunteered and served in the Navy as a fighter director officer in World War II, receiving special recognition as an outstanding fighter director in the Pacific. He also served as commanding officer of the Naval Reserves in Madison, Wisconsin.

Lillywhite was appointed as the first executive director of the Utah Retirement Pension System in 1937 at the age of 25. He also served 11 years as the executive director of the Wisconsin Retirement System and seven years as assistant director of the Ohio State Retirement System.

He served as president of the National Council of Teacher Retirement (NCTR) in 1948 and later as secretary-treasurer of NCTR from 1955 until 1967.

After a 28-year career in public service, Lillywhite joined Alliance Capital Management Corp. in 1970, one of the nation's largest investment firms, and worked there for another 22 years until his retirement as a senior officer in 1992 at the age of 80.

The national Lillywhite Award was established by the Employee Benefit Research Institute in his honor and to celebrate contributions by persons who have had distinguished careers in the investment management and employee benefits fields.