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## **Broadcasting Commission Deeply Saddened by Death of Veteran Journalist & Broadcaster Ian Boyne**

The Broadcasting Commission is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of veteran journalist and broadcaster Ian Boyne.

Over the past 30 years, Mr. Boyne served as press secretary, speech writer and public relations consultant to Prime Ministers and Government Ministers. He also hosted the very successful and inspirational television programme “Profile” as well as the highly regarded “Religious Hardtalk”, and was a highly respected Gleaner columnist.

Ian Boyne was erudite, cultured, thoughtful and principled. He embodied the highest standards of integrity in journalism, and will be long remembered as one of the foremost exponents of fearless, non-partisan inquiry, focused only on determining the truth of the matter. He was a staunch guardian of the ‘neutral space’ in an otherwise politically polarized environment, which was reflected in his long tenure as an executive at the Jamaica Information Service, across many diverse political administrations, whilst at the same time operating as an independent journalist. He has left an enduring legacy in journalism and broadcasting which will serve as a guide, foundation and benchmark for integrity, quality and substance.

Ian Boyne gave selflessly to his profession, but his deepest commitment was to the higher causes of service to country, humanity and the truth.

The Broadcasting Commission extends heartfelt condolences to Mr. Boyne's family and colleagues.