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When Bob Linowes decided in 1956 to open a law office in Silver Spring, his departure from the County Attorney's Office created a job opening that was filled by another bright young attorney. As things turned out, Linowes' successor became his frequent adversary. Focusing his practice on zoning and land use matters, Linowes repeatedly found himself opposite the attorney who had been hired to replace him. In 1962, after years of jousting, Linowes coaxed his nemesis to join him in private practice. Thus did Bob Linowes and Joe Blocher establish a law firm that has endured for nearly half a century.

From the start, Bob Linowes and Joe Blocher saw the potential of Montgomery County. They knew that the County was poised to become a major economic force in the state and the region. They believed that its top-quality schools and high-level services would attract new businesses and residents. Moreover, they felt that the County could grow and prosper while serving as a national leader in enlightened development and housing policies.

The law firm they created, Linowes and Blocher LLP, now located in Bethesda, has played a central role in the transformation of the County from a sleepy bedroom suburb to a vibrant self-sustaining community. Involved in many key real estate projects in the County over the last five decades, the firm has always sought to balance growth with responsible and sustainable development. Firm attorneys have played an important part in the development of Wheaton Plaza, Montgomery Mall, Downtown Silver Spring, Rockville Town Center, the Bethesda CBD, King Farm, the Germantown Campus of Johns Hopkins University, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and countless other commercial, residential, and institutional uses. Few businesses have had greater impact in molding the face of Montgomery County than Linowes and Blocher.

The firm is known not only for its knowledge and experience in land use law, but also in real estate transactional matters, community development, environmental law, business and tax planning, commercial litigation, and bankruptcy. It is a full service real estate and business law firm, providing its clients with the legal services necessary for success in today's complex business world.

The firm recognizes its responsibility to participate not only in the business life of the County but its civic life as well. It supports numerous community organizations in the County and its attorneys occupy leadership positions in several of these organizations.

All the while, Linowes and Blocher has found Montgomery County a wonderful place in which to be located. Its high level of economic activity, its abundant supply of skilled professionals and other workers, and its attractive quality of life make Montgomery County a highly desirable place in which to operate a business.

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