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Linowes and Blocher Announces The Passing of Senior Counsel John J. Delaney

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We are both mourning the loss and celebrating the life of John J. Delaney, one of the five founding partners of Linowes and Blocher. John passed away on Friday January 31. John was a life-long Washingtonian, having lived in Montgomery County for the last several decades and having practiced land use and zoning law at Linowes and Blocher since the mid-1960's. John was a highly respected land use and zoning practitioner, but he was also considered one of the premiere legal scholars in the nation regarding land use and zoning law, protection of property rights as protected by the U.S. Constitution and inclusionary zoning, where John's focus was always in trying to create more affordable housing opportunities for citizens of all income ranges.

John joined Bob Linowes and Joe Blocher out of the Montgomery County Office of the County Attorney in the mid-1960's and helped build the firm into one of the area's oldest and most respected law firms over the ensuing 60 + years. John helped instill in all the deep sense of commitment to building a greater community, and his cheerful, humorous and respectful ways made him a fantastic teacher who touched every person he encountered in unforgettable ways.

As great of a lawyer and legal scholar as John was, he was even a greater person who led by example in a selfless, humble, genuine and caring manner. He loved his family and he had no enemies. An avid sports lover as well, John was one of the great historians about local sports teams, ranging from the old-time Washington Senators and other local professional teams to local high school sports and especially his beloved Zags, the Gonzaga Eagles. John will be missed terribly by all who knew him, but his memory will live on and continue to positively impact our world. For more on the plans for John's burial please see this link:

<https://www.collinsfuneralhome.com/delaney-john-joseph>