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**Greater Phoenix Leadership Mourns the Passing of Board Member**

GPL’s Board Member, John J. Bouma, has passed away

PHOENIX, AZ, Jan. 23, 2019 – It is with great sorrow that Greater Phoenix Leadership (GPL) announces the passing of our board member and Emeritus member, John J. Bouma. Bouma has been a member of GPL since 1998 and has left an indelible mark on our organization.

“John Bouma was a giant in the legal profession and an icon in the business community,” said Don Brandt, GPL board chair and president and CEO of Arizona Public Service. “John served our community and GPL with honor. We are very thankful for his service and his friendship.”

Bouma served as Chair of Snell & Wilmer LLP, after joining the firm in 1962, and concentrated his practice in business litigation, antitrust and professional liability defense. Bouma served on several boards, including: the National Conference of Bar Presidents, the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, the American Bar Association Board of Governors, the Phoenix Art Museum, the Arizona Opera, and was a Fellow in the American College of Trail Lawyers.

Bouma graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law. Bouma had a passion for the outdoors and his love of fly-fishing was well known.

The GPL Board of Directors and members extend their deepest condolences to the Bouma family.

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Greater Phoenix Leadership is an organization of leading CEO’s aligning leadership and resources at the intersection of the business, education, philanthropy and public policy sectors to improve economic vitality and quality of life. The mission of GPL is to improve the greater Phoenix area and the State of Arizona by bringing together talent, resources, and leadership to create action on priority issues. More information is available at [www.gplinc.org](http://www.gplinc.org)