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OHN possessed extraordinary intellect, judgment, and energy. He demanded excellence from himself and all those around him, and in the process, over too few years, he became a legendary lawyer, businessman, and civic leader. I believe that the firm he led, now Johnson & Gibbs, challenged Dallas' other major law firms to create in Dallas a much stronger legal community than previously existed, and that John influenced that development more than any other attorney in this city.

Just as John challenged our legal community to grow in size and stature, he challenged every person he encountered, his clients, his partners, and opposing attorneys, to try to meet the goals of excellence and achievement that he set for himself. Many of us have become better attorneys and achieved higher goals because of our relationship with John.

His partners and his community miss him.

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