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Mr. John Stahr was born October 29, 1932 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. In 1939 his physician father moved his practice to Reno, Nevada which John considered “home” until he completed law school. During World War II he lived near Washington, D.C. while his father served in the Army Medical Corps.

John attended Phillips Exeter Academy, then Stanford University on a NROTC scholarship. He served as a USN Supply Corps officer on ammunition ships in the Pacific before attending Harvard Law School.

In 1960 John joined the Los Angeles firm of Latham & Watkins where he practiced corporate and business law for over 35 years. He opened his firm’s first branch office in Orange County in 1972 and practiced there until his retirement in 1996.

John and his wife Elizabeth have long been involved with Orange County educational and cultural activities. Both have served as foundation trustees at the University of California Irvine and co-chaired a drive to fund a new Newport Beach Public Library which opened in 1994. John has been an overseer of the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University since 1989, is a past president of South Coast Repertory, and currently serves as the Chairman of the Pacific Symphony.

John joined DOCA in 1995 and first became a director in 1999. He has served as Chairman of DOCA’s Defense Fund since 2000 when he also became a DOCA Vice President.

John and Elizabeth have four adult children and five grandchildren. They reside in Corona del Mar, California.