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# Former DAI board chair dies

John Lombard  
was attorney for  
Virginia Kettering.

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KETTERING – The personal attorney of the late Virginia Kettering and former chair of the Dayton Art Institute board died



**John  
Lombard**

Friday at Kettering Memorial Hospital. John Carleton Lombard – who served the Dayton community through numerous boards of directors, domestic violence victims as a volunteer lawyer, and children as a court advocate and through tutoring – was 86.

the Court Appointed Special Advocate program.

“You don’t have to be an attorney (to be an advocate), but it was an advantage that he was an attorney because he knew the law,” his wife Linda said. “He was six-six and had a deep voice, and when he went into a court of law as an advocate for those children, they had a strong advocate.”

The pair met at the art institute, where she currently serves as chair of the board of trustees.

Lombard began his law career at Coolidge Wall & Wood in Dayton, which later became Coolidge, Wall, Womsley and Lombard.

During his time at the firm – nine years of which were spent as managing partner – Lombard did management labor work for clients such as Reynolds & Reynolds, the Ber-

Lombard moved to Dayton with his family in 1962 to begin his law career. Over the years, he served on the boards of Wright Memorial Library, Planned Parenthood of the Miami Valley, Dayton Visual Arts Center and the Dayton Art Institute, where he was chairman during the institute's mid-1990s renovation, according to his obituary.

He also volunteered as a lawyer for the Artemis Center, a Dayton domestic violence advocacy center, and represented abused and abandoned children through

ry Co., the city of Oakwood and what's now the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority and served as legal counsel to Kettering Memorial Hospital and later Kettering Health Network for 40 years.

Lombard was born Aug. 19, 1927, in Worcester, Mass., to Ella Patton and Carleton Joshua Lombard, and grew up in Chelmsford, Mass.

A memorial service to celebrate his life is planned in the near future at the art institute but a date and time has not yet been announced.

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