



## Chicago lawyer, philanthropist Peer Pedersen has died

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**Peer Pedersen**, a retired lawyer known more for his deal-making than his law practice, died Monday in Lake Forest. He was 87.

Mr. Pedersen was chairman of Chicago law firm Pedersen & Houpt and a member of a group behind such companies in the 1990s as Waste Management Inc., Boston Chicken Inc. and Blockbuster Entertainment Corp.

In 2008 the longtime Lyric Opera board member **gave the group \$1 million** in memory of his late wife, Sarah.

Mr. Pedersen ended a 65-year career practicing law in March 2010 after he suffered a stroke, his nephew, John Muehlstein, chairman of Pedersen & Houpt, told **the Chicago Sun-Times**.

**According to his obituary**, the funeral service for Mr. Pedersen will be Saturday at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest.

– Ann Weiler