

John E. Merow, Former Head of Sullivan & Cromwell, Dies at 89

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John E. Merow, a former chairman of the venerable Wall Street law firm Sullivan & Cromwell, who presided over its expansion as it opened offices overseas and pushed into areas like mergers and acquisitions, died along with his wife, Mary Alyce Merow, on Jan. 12 in a fire in their Manhattan apartment.

Mr. Merow was 89, and Mrs. Merow was 85.

A Fire Department spokesman said that the cause of the fire was under investigation, but that it was not considered suspicious. It started in the Merows' ninth-floor apartment at River House, a prestigious 27-story building, built in 1930, along the East River at East 52nd Street. The building is also home to former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and the actress Uma Thurman.

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