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**To:** News Editors and Assignment Desks  
**From:** Department of Communications  
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**RE: Statement from Cardinal Adam Maida  
on the Death of Joseph A. Sullivan**

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Joseph A. Sullivan, retired counsel to the Archdiocese of Detroit and a senior partner in Bodman LLP, died August 11, 2006. He served as lead attorney for the archdiocese from 1982 to 1997.

After learning of the death of Judge Sullivan, Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, issued the following statement:

“I offer prayerful condolences to the family of the late Honorable Joseph A. Sullivan, former lead attorney for the Archdiocese of Detroit. As we mourn his passing, we give thanks to God for his tireless efforts on behalf of justice and the common good, and especially for his generous concern for the well-being and status of the Church.

“Judge Sullivan was a true gentleman; a wise and prudent jurist; articulate, insightful, and witty; reliable and steadfast at all times; a man of faith who saw the vital connection of Gospel and daily living. I will miss his wise counsel and friendship.”

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