

# 2005 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Lewis Nelson Wolff

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Lewis Wilson Wolff began his long and successful career in urban development in 1958, working as an appraiser with a measuring tape.

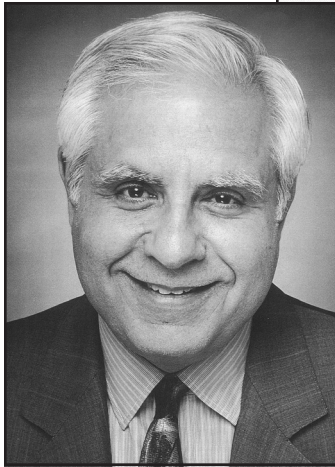
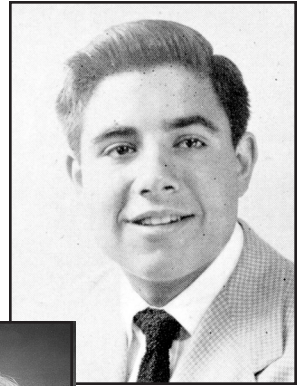
In 1961, he headed a Los Angeles area regional real estate office and in 1963 co-founded a consulting firm whose reputation grew rapidly. In the late '60s he was a pioneer of San Jose's downtown redevelopment and joined 20th Century Fox in the '70s as president of its worldwide realty and development company.

Real estate may be his love, but sports is his passion. Wolff has been part owner of several professional sports teams, including the Golden State Warriors and St. Louis Blues and became vice president of the Oakland A's baseball team in 2003. Wolff headed a group in 2005 which bought the Oakland A's. As co-owner and managing partner, Wolff is responsible for making key decisions that impact the team such as securing a new baseball stadium.

Wolff's passion for baseball began as a young fan of the old St. Louis Browns and his hometown Cardinals. As an adult, he participated in a San Francisco Giants fantasy camp.

Wolff graduated from University City High School in 1953 and holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin and Washington University.

He and his wife Jeane reside in Los Angeles. They have three children and two grandchildren.



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