



John F. Barrett
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Western & Southern Financial Group
Cincinnati, Ohio

President since 1989

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John F. Barrett is one of Ohio's most determined supporters of economic development, education, healthcare and the fine arts. He is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Western & Southern Financial Group, a Cincinnati-based diversified family of financial services companies with assets owned, managed and under care in excess of \$53 billion. A Fortune 500 company, Western & Southern is one of the eight highest-rated life insurance groups in the world, based on Standard & Poor's ratings. Under his leadership, Western & Southern Financial Group has grown from a small \$5 Billion Midwestern life insurance company into a highly respected national financial services enterprise.

Barrett is a recognized leader in the business community and financial services industry, serves on the board of directors of Convergys Corporation and is co-chairman and a past chairman of the Ohio Business Roundtable. He is active on the boards of trustees of Americans for the Arts, The Cincinnati Art Museum (immediate past chairman), the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts, and the Cincinnati Business Committee (of which he is a former chairman). He is also co-chairman of The Greater Cincinnati Scholarship Association, chairman of the Medical Center Fund for the University of Cincinnati, member of the advisory board of The University of Cincinnati Barrett Cancer Center, member of The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Community Advisory Board, vice chairman of the Capital Campaign for The University of Cincinnati Foundation, and Honorary Chairman of the University's "Presidential Bicentennial Commission". He is also a member and serves on the Executive Committee of the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC).

Through his involvement with CincinnatiMD Resource Center, Barrett was instrumental in the 2004 launch of Cincinnati MDJobs.com by the Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati (Greater Cincinnati Health Council) which has helped recruit several hundred doctors to Greater Cincinnati. This is believed to be a first in the nation.

Nationally, Barrett serves as a director of the American Council of Life Insurers (former chairman), in Washington, D.C.; and he is a member of The Business Roundtable and the Financial Services Roundtable (Director, eff. 1-1-2012), also in Washington.

Barrett is president of the Association of Ohio Life Insurance Companies, a position he also held in 1997-1998. Additionally, he is a member and past chairman of both The Cincinnati Equity Fund and Downtown Cincinnati Inc. In 2006, he led the first statewide tax reform in Ohio in over 75 years as part of his involvement as chairman of the Ohio Business Roundtable. Prior to that, on behalf of the Cincinnati Business Committee, he arranged the private financing for the Duke Energy Convention Center.

Barrett formerly served on the boards of The Andersons, Inc., Cincinnati Bell Inc., Fifth Third Bancorp, Touchstone Investment Trusts, The Taft Museum of Art and The Cincinnati Opera. He also served as a trustee of United Way as the 2001 general campaign chairman and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. He was chairman of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce (now Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber) and the 1997 general chairman for the Catholic Inner City Schools (CISE) Fund Raising Campaign and the Fine Arts Fund Campaign.

Barrett is the recipient of numerous honorary awards, distinctions and recognitions: On June 11, 2011, John was the Commencement speaker at his alma mater, the University of Cincinnati, at which time he was also recognized with the highest award from the university for his work to better society: the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. On June 9, 2011, he was honored by the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati with the Alice and Harris Weston Apple Award for his leadership, advocacy and service to the community. Barrett was honored by The Beechwood Home in "The Winner's Circle" at a tribute during its 2010 Derby Day Fundraising Gala; recipient of "The Connecting Cultures and Communities Award" presented by the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (May 2010); in October 2009, Barrett was inducted into the Junior Achievement Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame; named the most influential person in the Greater Cincinnati area by *Cincy* magazine in its annual Power 100 list (February 2009); received the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Corporate Growth's Deal Maker (AGC Cincinnati); the 2008 Volunteer Leadership Award from the Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati; the 2008 Tree of Life™ Award from the Jewish National Fund; the 2008 Champion of Educational Opportunity (CEO) Award from the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation; the 2007 Outstanding Community Service Award from Volunteers of America; the 2004 Award for Excellence for outstanding service to the University of Cincinnati; the 1999 Heart of Gold Volunteer Award from Boys Hope/Girls Hope; the 1999 Carl H. Lindner Medal for Outstanding Business Achievement from the University of Cincinnati College of Business Administration; the 1999 Order of the Lion Award from the SAE Ohio Epsilon Scholarship Fund Dinner (proceeds established a scholarship in his honor); and the 1995 Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America/Dan Beard Council.

Barrett holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati. He and his wife, Eileen Ward Barrett, have three adult children.