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Western & Southern CIO Wins Breakaway Leadership Award

CINCINNATI – Nov. 7, 2016 – Western & Southern Financial Group (Western & Southern) Chief Information Officer Karen A. Chamberlain is a recipient of the 2016 Global CIO Breakaway Leadership Award.

The Breakaway Leadership Award honors CIOs and senior security executives who demonstrate exceptional leadership. Qualified CIOs were nominated by their peers, describing how their business impact drives results across the C-suite and the enterprise. A distinguished voting panel chose 10 finalists, and attendees at the Global CIO Executive Summit voted to determine five 2016 Breakaway Leadership Award recipients.

“Karen is an inspirational leader who effectively unites teams to enable them to perform at optimal levels. Her inclusive style readily engages all stakeholders and elicits a wide variety of perspectives and data to obtain maximum solutions to formidable problems,” said John F. Barrett, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Western & Southern. “Her passion and drive are contagious and her focus on results motivates associates to bring their ‘A’ game to work every day. The combination of her excellent leadership skills and analytical capabilities has resulted in a significant increase in her responsibilities to include both information technology and our internal insurance operations in the short two and a half years she has been with our enterprise.”

Chamberlain attended DePaul University in Chicago. She holds FINRA Series 6 and 26 licenses. Her career spans nearly 30 years in information technology and operations with assignments at Allstate Insurance Company, JPMorgan Chase and The Hartford Insurance Group.

She lives with her husband, Gene, in Indian Hill. They have two adult children – Alex and Liz.

About Western & Southern Financial Group

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