

PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Media

From: Jane Gilbert, Chief Executive Officer

Re: New Chairman of the National Board of Trustees Elected

I am pleased to announce that the Honorable Jay Daugherty has been elected Chair of The ALS Association National Board of Trustees at the October 31 meeting of the Board in Newport Beach, California.

Judge Daugherty, currently a state of Missouri trial judge, was formerly the Presiding Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit in Kansas City, Missouri, managing the largest court in the state with over 900 employees and a \$35 million budget. He lost his father to ALS in 1974 and has dedicated nearly 25 years of his life to The Association and the fight against ALS. He recently described his feelings about his father's battle with ALS as "an experience that creates a passion that cannot be extinguished." Jay joined the National Board in 1996, and he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Keith Worthington Chapter in Kansas City since 1986 serving as the Chapter's Board President in 1991-1993. He will step down from the Keith Worthington Board to comply with The Association's By-Laws for the incoming Chair.

A long-time Vice Chair of the Research Committee, Jay has also served as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and most recently as Co-Chair of the *Partnership For Success* organizational assessment initiative. He is currently the Co-Chair of the Governance Task Force.