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Jo Ann Davidson is the President of JAD and Associates LLC, a consulting firm which was founded in 2001 and has provided strategic planning, public policy and public affairs advice to a broad client base. Additionally, JAD and Associates has specialized in coalition organization activities to impact decisions in Congress, state legislatures, city and county governments, as well as ballot issues.

Davidson capped a public service career which spanned more than 30 years by serving as Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1995-2000. During her time in the legislature, she also served as Minority Leader and was recognized for her expertise on the state budget, economic development, local government and education issues. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators and was Chairman of the Midwestern Council of State Governments.

Davidson's local government public service included ten years as a member of Reynoldsburg City Council and as Township Clerk for Truro Township.

Jo Ann Davidson was appointed as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission where she served from 1977-1980. Upon leaving the legislature, she served as Interim Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in 2001.

Davidson was named Public Official of the Year by Governing Magazine, Legislator of the Year by the National Republican Legislator's Association, received Good Housekeeping's Award for Women in Government and was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, as well as being recognized by the YWCA as a Woman of Achievement.

Davidson served as Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee from 2005 through 2008. In that position she served as the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the 2008 Republican National Convention.

She is a member the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University, the University of Findlay and Franklin University. She holds honorary degrees from The Ohio State University, Ohio University, Franklin University and the University of Findlay.



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