



## **G. Michael Witte** **Executive Director, Indiana Disciplinary Commission**

G. Michael Witte is the Executive Secretary of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission. Witte was the first Asian American to serve as judge in the State of Indiana. His 25 year judicial career included service as Judge Pro Tem of the Wayne Superior Court No. 1, Richmond, Indiana (2009); Judge of the Dearborn Superior Court No. 1, Lawrenceburg, Indiana (2000-2008); and Judge of the Dearborn County Court (1985 – 2000). He received both his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Indiana University, served as President of the Indianapolis law school's Alumni Board in 2009, and was honored in 2008 by the I.U. Alumni Association as its Distinguished Asian Alumni.

He is a 1991 graduate of the Indiana Judicial College, the 2002 class of the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges, and a former member of the Indiana Commission on Courts. He is currently Chair of the ABA Judicial Division and served as Chairman of the ABA National Conference of Specialized Court Judges in 2006.

From 2006-09, Witte served as Co-chair of the ABA Judicial Division's Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary. He received his community's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award in 2009. In addition, Indiana Minority Business Magazine named Witte a 2010 Champion of Diversity. Witte has been a panelist at many national programs on diversifying the judiciary and improving diversity pipelines to a judicial career, including a 2009 program at the Harvard Law School.

Witte served as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 5 Judicial Outreach Liaison in 2009-10, the NHTSA Judicial Fellow from 1995-98, and served on the U.S. Congressional Advisory Committee for Commercial Driver's License, 2007-08.

Witte joined The National Judicial College faculty in 1994. In addition, he has served as faculty for programs presented by the American Bar Association, NHTSA, the National

Center for State Courts, the National Criminal Justice Association, the Indiana Judicial Center, and the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum. Witte's teaching experience is primarily in the field of impaired driving and traffic court administration. His legal teaching assignments have occurred in Arkansas, Hawaii, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Toronto, Canada, and Washington. Judge Witte has performed NHTSA assessments of impaired driving for Hawaii, Missouri, Montana, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Kansas, Maryland, and Washington.