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Michael has served on the board of directors of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana and is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute, and the American Bar Association. Michael is admitted to practice in the Southern and Northern Districts of Indiana, the Central District of Illinois, and the 4th and 7th Circuit Courts of Appeals. He was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1997. Michael has been selected for inclusion in the current edition, and many previous editions, of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of product liability/business litigation. He is also listed in several editions of *Indiana Super Lawyers* magazine.

Michael graduated from the University of Notre Dame where he received an A.B. *magna cum laude* in history in 1972. He graduated *summa cum laude* in 1975 from the Indiana University School of Law Bloomington where he served as associate editor of the *Indiana Law Journal* and was selected to the Order of the Coif. He joined Barnes & Thornburg in 1975 and became partner in 1982.

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### EDUCATION

Indiana University-Bloomington, (J.D.),  
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### BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

### COURT ADMISSIONS

Central District of Illinois

Southern and Northern Districts of  
Indiana

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth  
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### LANGUAGES

English