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## **WHITMORE AND WIRTZ NAMED MICHEL FINANCIAL GROUP 2009 AGENTS OF THE YEAR**

*Double honor for TAG Financial and Insurance Services of Los Angeles*

**Los Angeles, CA. March 10, 2010** – Founding partners of TAG Financial and Insurance Services, Edgar “Whit” Whitmore CLU, ChFC, and Edward J. Wirtz have been honored as 2009 Agents of the Year by Michel Financial Group, a General Agency of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual).

The award recognizes the top two agents of almost 100 financial professionals contracted with Michel Financial Group in recognition of their excellence in sales production and service to the agency.

With almost 40 years in the financial services industry between them, Whitmore and Wirtz provide notable experience in executive and employer benefits, wealth management and estate planning.

“Whit and Ed are held in tremendous regard by clients and industry peers alike,” said Kim Michel, Michel Financial Group CEO. “Driven by a deep concern for their clients, they work with integrity and exceptional skill to help them make financial decisions that will stand the test of time. We are very fortunate and proud to have them as part of the Michel Financial Group family. “

Married with two children, Wirtz actively supports several local charitable organizations including Dapplegray Booster Club, USC Athletics, Peninsula Education and Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles.

Whitmore and Wirtz , both committed to supporting their local communities, are actively support several charities including The Leukemia and Lymphoma Societies Team in Training, Westchester YMCA , The Talbot Family Foundation, Dapplegray Booster Club, USC Athletics, Peninsula Education and Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles.

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