

Charles (Shorty) Whittington

Charles (Shorty) Whittington grew up in an agricultural surrounding. He started in farming and rapidly developed an agri-business career. The diversity of farming, grain elevator operations and the need he saw for specialized transportation prompted Mr. Whittington to establish Grammer Industries in 1977. His present day corporations include property companies from Florida to Michigan, equipment sales and leasing, specialized tanker fleets and terminal operations through out the Midwest. Mr. Whittington recently created Integrity Biofuels, a production facility that converts soybean oil to Biodiesel fuel.

Mr. Whittington is the former chairman of the American Trucking Associations. He serves on boards for; the Indiana Motor Trucking Associations (IMTA), the Agricultural & Food Transporters Conference (AFTC), the National Tank Truck Carriers (NTTC) and is active in many state Propane and Fertilizer Trade Associations. Mr. Whittington served on a government negotiated rule making, one of only five successful such missions of the Department of Transportation. Most recently he has become a member of the U.S. Chamber small business board.

Mr. Whittington is a graduate of Purdue University. He and his wife Ro Anne are active at the First Baptist Church in Columbus, Indiana. They reside just outside of Columbus near the small town of Grammer. Together they have two children, Kristin and John. Kristin does programs for an agricultural GPS services company and John works as his partner managing various divisions within his corporations.