

## **Brief Biographical Sketch**

### **JAMES M. HUSHAGEN Board of Directors**

James Hushagen (Hoose-hog-in), Edgewood, Wash., has been a member of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans board of directors and its predecessors since 1995. Mr. Hushagen serves as a member of the Governance and Investment Committees of the Board of Directors.

Hushagen is an attorney and member in the law firm of Eisenhower & Carlson, PLLC. In this role, he chaired the firm's executive committee and its associate development committee, chairs its financial services group and 2008 retreat committee, and serves as legal counsel in complex commercial transactions involving banking, business and real estate.

Hushagen graduated with honors from Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Wash., in 1970 with a bachelor of arts degree in history. He studied for a year at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and returned to PLU for a master of arts degree in social sciences in 1977. He received his juris doctorate degree from the University of Puget Sound Law School, Tacoma, where he graduated with honors in 1980.

Before starting his legal career, Hushagen worked with three law-related human service programs.

Hushagen is a member of the American Bar Association, the Washington State Bar Association, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association. He is a frequent speaker on topics relating to law and commercial lending and is the author of several legal articles.

Hushagen has been active in his community. Prior to becoming an attorney, he was president of the District Court Citizens Board, founded the state Pretrial Diversion Task Force, and served on the Community Corrections Board of the State Council on Crime and Delinquency.

He is currently on the board of directors of Lutheran Summer Music and formerly served as general counsel to Good Samaritan Hospital, a Lutheran hospital in Puyallup, Wash. In addition, he serves as an officer on the board of regents for Pacific Lutheran University, as well as past president of the PLU alumni association and committee to select the president. He is vice president of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA.

A member of Mountain View Lutheran Church in Puyallup, Hushagen has served as congregational president, member of the church council, and on numerous committees. He has also served as a Lutheran Brotherhood fraternal communicator, and as vice president of the Rainier Branch.

Hushagen and his wife, Debbie, have two sons.