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**LOCAL ATTORNEY QUALIFIES FOR IRONMAN HAWAII -  
He finished out 30<sup>th</sup> out of nearly 3,000 competitors**

(Grand Rapids, MI-September 12, 2011)-Rhoades McKee Attorney Eric R. Starck, 36, posted an impressive finish yesterday at Wisconsin Ironman earning himself a spot to compete against professional athletes in Ironman Hawaii on Oct. 8, 2011. He completed the 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and 26.2 mile run in 10:04:43. Starck finished 30th overall out of the 2,797 athletes competing in the event.

Managing a full time law practice as well as chairing the firm's Real Estate Practice Group, he has earned a distinguished reputation among his peers. Most recently recognized for his practice as the Commercial Alliance of Realtors, 2010 Affiliate Member of the Year, one of Michigan Lawyers Weekly 2009 Up and Coming Lawyers (one of only 20 Michigan lawyers selected), and Super Lawyers Magazine, Rising Star.

He is an active member with the Grand Rapids Bar Association, Environmental and Real Property Law Sections State Bar of Michigan, Commercial Alliance of Realtors, and a past president of Schrems West Michigan Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Starck resides in East Grand Rapids, MI with his wife and three young children.

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