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**RHODES MCKEE ANNOUNCES  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PROGRAM**

(January 29, 2010 – Grand Rapids, MI) – Rhoades McKee announces the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of providing comprehensive legal services in West Michigan.

“I graduated from law school with the intention of establishing a career in business and not law,” said Dale Rhoades. “I accepted a position as a trust officer at Michigan Trust Company which later became part of Old Kent Bank. In 1960, two years later, I accepted a position as a Grand Rapids City attorney where I would be able to build my own legal practice in the evenings and weekends,” continued Rhoades. William Garlington joined Dale Rhoades, and the firm name was established as Rhoades and Garlington. In 1961, Rhoades left the City Attorney’s office and to devote all of his time to the firm.

In 1963, attorney F. William McKee joined Rhoades and Garlington. Since then, the firm has continued to grow its staff, service offerings, and commitment to the community. Today, Rhoades McKee PC employs nearly 100 individuals and maintains offices in Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. The firm provides comprehensive legal services to a diverse client base, from international enterprises, to local businesses, individuals and their families.

We have decided to commemorate the anniversary with the theme “Looking Forward. Giving Back.” Continuing in the philosophy set by our firm founders, our current members believe that to effectively serve the community they need to be involved,” stated Robert Shaver, President. “Our program includes community events and sponsorships which will benefit area non-profit organizations and provide volunteer service opportunities for our members within the West Michigan community.”

Some of the programs which have been confirmed include but are not limited to the following:

**Kids Food Basket**

- Annual donation in lieu of holiday gifts and Rhoades McKee members will volunteer to assemble lunches at Kids First on February 15, March 15, and April 11.

### **St. Patrick's Day Client Event Benefiting West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology**

- Client Open House celebrating St. Patrick's Day at West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology.
- Invitation contest for students to design invitations to be used for the event.
- Lecture series for medical billing students to assist in addressing the legal implications for medical billing and coding.

### **Law Day Book Donation to the Literacy Center of West Michigan**

- Donation of 50 children's books of "Arthur Meets the President" by Mark Brown to the Literacy Center of West Michigan.

### **WZZM 13 Food for Families**

- Join WZZM 13, WLHT, Access and Spartan Stores as a sponsor for the WZZM 13 Food for Families Drive. The annual food drive seeks to stock West Michigan Food Pantry shelves during the critical summer vacation months.

### **ArtPrize Venue Sponsor at West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology**

- Continue as the exclusive Venue Sponsor for ArtPrize benefiting West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology.

### **WYCE 2010 Spring and Fall Hat Trick Series**

- Continue to sponsor and participate the WYCE Hat Trick Concert Series at One Trick Pony. This annual series recognizes twelve area non profit organizations with Monday night concerts at One Trick Pony. Rhoades McKee will match contributions to organizations that achieve qualifying criteria.

### **Rhoades McKee Reeds Lake Triathlon**

- Title sponsor of the Rhoades McKee Reeds Lake Triathlon held in East Grand Rapids, Michigan with raffle proceeds to benefit the children of St. John's Home in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

### **St. John's Home , Grand Rapids, Michigan**

- Designate Jeans for a Cause to benefit Kids First/St. John's Home. Assisting the organization to meet the fundamental daily needs for services. This year's program to also include Bathroom Makeovers, Back Pack & School Supplies Drive, Easter Baskets, and a holiday gift giving tree.

### **About Rhoades McKee ([www.rhoadesmckee.com](http://www.rhoadesmckee.com)):**

Founded in 1960, Rhoades McKee is a 52-member, Grand Rapids-based law firm representing consumers and businesses in a wide range of legal matters, including business, tax and corporate law; real estate, construction and environmental law; labor and employment law; health care law; estate planning and probate law; family law; professional liability and insurance defense; bankruptcy law; and litigation and dispute resolution.