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## PATRICK B. ELLIS JOINS RHOADES MCKEE

(July 26, 2011 – Grand Rapids, MI)- Rhoades McKee announces that Patrick B. Ellis has joined the law firm as an associate. He will focus his practice in the areas of medical malpractice and general litigation.

Over the course of his career, he has represented numerous health care professionals and institutions in the defense of complex and high exposure medical malpractice claims. He has handled nursing, psychology, internal medicine, gastroenterology, urology, neurosurgery and birth trauma cases, to name a few. Ellis' experience also extends to litigation matters civil rights, commercial, real estate and probate litigation.

Prior to joining Rhoades McKee, Ellis was an associate principal with Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook. He served as a Law Clerk at the offices of William H. Hunter, before he was admitted to the bar.

A Kalamazoo College graduate, Ellis was awarded the Hodge Prize – Philosophy Award. He received his law degree from Chicago – Kent College of Law – Illinois Institute of Technology where he was recognized as a CALI Award Recipient for Secured Transactions.

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