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EMPLOYMENT

Rhoades McKee PC 1969 - Present

I am an active member of Rhoades McKee, a comprehensive full service legal firm serving individuals and organizations in Michigan.

Litigation

I have always limited my practice to litigation. For the first 10 years, I represented defendants in criminal cases and I have successfully tried numerous serious cases including murder and other felony cases in which the freedom of my client was at stake.

For the last 25 years, my litigation practice has been very diverse. I represent corporations and individuals in sophisticated corporate, business, large asset divorce health care, real estate and employment, cases. In addition I have been selected by Grand Rapids lawyers and their law firms as counsel for them when they are sued for malpractice. In every case I have been retained because I have the ability to try the case if needed.

Mediation

As of January 1, 2014 I will be limiting my practice to mediations. I have been a recognized mediator having mediated more than 600 cases in disputes which are referred to me by other lawyers or state or federal courts. Because I have broad litigation experience, I am selected to mediate disputes in injury, business, intellectual property, employment, real estate and many other areas of the practice. I believe in mediation because it is the least expensive and least emotionally taxing method of dispute resolution.

Leadership

President, State Bar of Michigan, 2002 President, Grand Rapids Bar Association, 1992 President, US District Court for the Western District of Michigan Bar Association President, Rhoades McKee, 2001-2007

Outreach

I have been involved in many local and national religious and other non-profit organizations particularly those involving the Reformed Church in America or its institutions and I am currently the Michigan representative to the United States Supreme Court Historical Commission.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & RECOGNITION

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (limited to the top 3% of lawyers in the state)
Fellow of the International Society of Barristers (Invitation only)
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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University College of Law - Juris, Doctorate, 1968 **Hope College**- Bachelor of the Arts, 1965