

## Rhoades McKee Expands to Offer Bi-Lingual Services

*Rhoades McKee Expands to Offer Bi-Lingual Services to West Michigan with the Addition of Juanita F. Bocanegra*

**July 9, 2009** - [PRLog](#) -- (GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 18, 2009) — Rhoades McKee promotes Juanita F. Bocanegra as an associate attorney.

A 2009 graduate of Thomas M. Cooley law school, Bocanegra offers 11 years of prior experience as a law clerk with Rhoades McKee and a legal assistant with Hann Persinger, PC of Holland, Michigan.

Born in Mexico and raised in Texas for 7 years, her family relocated to Michigan in 1983 to take advantage of migrant worker opportunities in Holland, Michigan. Bocanegra has maintained her fluency in Spanish.

“In our tradition of offering comprehensive legal services, we felt it was crucial to expand our organization to the changing demographics of West Michigan,” stated Robert M. Shaver, President, Rhoades McKee. According to the 2006 Grand Rapids Census, 16 % of Grand Rapids population is Hispanic (published on the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce website).

“I look forward to using my legal training, experience, cultural background and bi-lingual abilities to better serve the community,” said Bocanegra. She will concentrate her practice in Business and Corporate Law, Will and Estate Planning, Commercial and Civil Litigation, Family Law, and Worker’s Compensation and Personal Injury.

Bocanegra received her undergraduate degree in International Relations in 1997 from Grand Valley State University.

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

Founded in 1961, Rhoades McKee is a 54-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.

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