MANTESE HONIGMAN, PC

OPENS LAW FIRM IN GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Mantese Honigman, PC opened an office in downtown Grand Rapids on October 17, 2023. “We’re excited about the new office. With our growing clientele in western Michigan and with the energy and new development in Grand Rapids, we wanted an office there for the convenience of our clients,” explained Gerard Mantese, the firm’s CEO. Mantese Honigman, PC also has offices in Troy, Michigan, New York City, and St. Louis, Missouri. The firm’s Grand Rapids office is in the historic Ledyard Building at 125 Ottawa Ave., NW.

The Grand Rapids office will initially be staffed with two attorneys and will be supervised by Doug Toering, the firm’s President, who grew up in Holland and Jenison. Toering is a former Chair of the State Bar of Michigan’s Business Law Section. Toering pointed out, “Many Chicago attorneys have litigation in western Michigan. We’re available to assist them as local counsel.”

Mantese Honigman, PC focuses on all aspects of business litigation, including shareholder and LLC member disputes, real estate matters, intellectual property litigation, and auto supplier and corporate law matters. With 15 attorneys, the firm handles business law cases nationally. The firm’s work in Kent County (Grand Rapids) includes a recent $2.1 million trial win. In that case, Mantese and co-lead counsel Ian Williamson, with assistance from Toering, secured a finding that the control group committed shareholder oppression by refusing to pay dividends to the plaintiffs who held non-voting shares. After a bench trial, the court ordered the defendants to pay a special dividend and interest to plaintiffs in the

amount of $2.1 million and ordered the appointment of an independent director to monitor the defendant-directors in the future.

Mantese Honigman, PC is a law firm handling all issues affecting businesses and their owners, including shareholder and LLC member disputes, oppression issues, real estate issues, compliance with fiduciary duties, protecting trade secrets, criminal defense, contract disputes, and drafting employment agreements, buy-sell agreements, and shareholder and operating agreements.

Mantese Honigman, PC has headquarters in Troy, Michigan and additional offices in Grand Rapids, Michigan, New York and Missouri.

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