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**MICHAEL AND SHAUN WILLIS ACKNOWLEDGED AS
MICHIGAN LAWYERS WEEKLY'S "UP AND COMING
LAWYERS"**

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (November XX, 2007) – Attorneys Michael and Shaun Willis of Willis & Willis, PLC were recently recognized as two of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Up & Coming Lawyers" for 2007.

Nominated by their peers, Michael and Shaun are two of only six attorneys honored with this distinction from nearly 40,000 practitioners in Michigan. *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* selected attorneys who they felt have best established a name for themselves early in their careers and are poised for even greater accomplishments in the future.

"As the legal community continues to grow and change, we think it is important to acknowledge those individuals who are making a difference in our profession," said Lynn Ingram, publisher and editor-in-chief for *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*. "Michael and Shaun Willis have already made a mark in their respective practice areas, and we believe they will continue to do so."

Michael and Shaun Willis, Partners at Willis and Willis, PLC, located in Kalamazoo, started the firm in 2004, while operating a painting and lawn service company to help sustain the practice. Now the firm, with four attorneys total, represents approximately 100 clients a month with 90 percent being referrals or repeat customers.

Michael, a certified public accountant, practices in the areas of estate planning, estate/trust administration and litigation, corporate law, elder law and real estate. Shaun is a licensed commercial pilot with a multi-engine rating, and he specializes in civil, commercial, criminal and construction litigation. In addition, Michael and Shaun spend up to a third of their time on several volunteer efforts, despite working 60- to 70-hour work weeks.

"Our philosophy is to drive a lot of growth so that we can touch more people," said Michael. "We live according to the Golden Rule; treat each other as you would want to be treated."

“We’re trying to change the way law is practiced. We want to bring back a more collegial feel, where attorneys get along for the better of their clients,” said Shaun.

Michael earned degrees from the University of Notre Dame and University of Michigan Law School. He holds memberships with the Christian Legal Society; American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants; The Florida Bar; Corporal Christopher Kelly Willis Foundation; Vineyard Outreach Ministry; Notre Dame Club of Kalamazoo; and Southwest Michigan Professional Network.

Shaun earned degrees from Western Michigan University School of Aviation Flight Science and a Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He holds memberships with the Christian Legal Society; Home Builders Association of Greater Kalamazoo; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Ducks Unlimited; Habitat for Humanity; and Corporal Christopher Kelly Willis Foundation.

Michael and Shaun currently reside in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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