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## Michigan-based firm opens LA office with two attorneys

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Howard & Howard, a Michigan-based law firm, opened its first California office, staffed by partners Lisa Carteen and Ryan Ellis.

The duo began with the firm July 1 when the Los Angeles office opened.

"Establishing a new office here is an important part of our growth strategy and will also allow us to better accommodate and support our growing client base in Southern California," said firm president and CEO Mark A. Davis in a press release. "The additions of Lisa and Ryan align with our strategic goals of continuing to provide our clients with attorneys who bring significant strength and experience to the firm."

Carteen focuses her practice in commercial litigation, intellectual property and real estate. She joins the firm after leaving Baker & Hostetler LLP, according to the firm's press release.

"We are in the beginning process of looking for lawyers who fit the culture," Carteen said in a phone and email interview. "One thing I like about Howard & Howard is that they have a unique transparency and it's an entrepreneurial firm and it encourages its lawyers ... to work hard to develop new business."

Ellis specializes in business and corporate law, commercial litigation, environmental law, mergers and acquisitions and real estate.

Howard & Howard also has offices in Michigan, Illinois and Las Vegas.

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