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Overview

Ed has an international transactional yacht law practice.

He has a significant amount of experience representing yacht owners covering a broad range of issues related to the yacht industry, including new build, purchase and sale, flagging, yacht management and crew issues. He also has substantial legal experience related to America's Cup yacht racing syndicates.

Areas of Focus

- High Net Worth & Luxury Law
- Yachts, Ships & Submersibles

Admissions

- Washington, 1996

Education

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law (*cum laude*), 1996
- M.B.A., University of Washington, 1993
- Cranfield School of Management, International Business Studies Program, 1992
- B.A., Rutgers University, 1986

Honors & Recognitions

- Chambers High Net Worth, Leading Individual, 2016-present
- Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers list, 2002-2005
- Seattle University School of Law, Academic Scholarship Recipient, 1994-1995

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Professional Activities

- Florida Yacht Brokers Association, Member
- International Superyacht Society, Member
- Northwest Marine Trade Association, Member
  - Superyacht Committee
- Northwest Yacht Brokers Association, Member
- U.S. Superyacht Association, Member
- Washington State Bar Association, Member

Community Activities

- Puget Consumers Co-op Natural Markets, Trustee, 1998-2001
  - Finance Committee, 1998-2000,
  - CEO Evaluation Committee, 1999
- Rainier Discovery Center, Trustee, 2003-2005
- Spring Family Trust, Former Board Member
- The Mountaineers, Member, 1993-present
  - Climbing Instructor, 1999-2001
- Washington Trails Association

Experience

Numerous yacht transactions including:

- Representation in sale of Delta Marine yacht
  Acted as legal counsel for seller of m/y Happy Days, a 164 foot Delta Marine yacht.

- Representation in purchase of new custom built sailing yacht
  Acted as legal counsel for buyer of a new 45 plus meter custom built sailing yacht.

News & Insights

News

Ed Harley and Yachts Practice Earn Global Recognition in 2026 Chambers High Net Worth Guide

07.23.26

Foster Garvey Represents Gabe Newell in Acquisition of Superyacht Builder Oceanco

08.04.25

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Yachts, Ships & Submersibles Attorney Ed Harley Earns Global Recognition in 2025 Chambers High Net Worth Guide

07.24.25

Foster Garvey, Ed Harley Earn Global Recognition for Yachts & Superyachts Prowess in 2024 Chambers High Net Worth

07.18.24

Christine Brown and Edward Harley Featured in Chambers High Net Worth 2023

07.20.23

Christine Brown and Edward Harley Named Among World's Top Private Wealth Advisors in Chambers HNW 2022

07.14.22

Christine Brown and Edward Harley Named Among World's Top Private Wealth Advisors in Chambers HNW 2021

07.22.21

Attorneys Ranked in Chambers High Net Worth 2020 Legal Directory

07.09.20

Four Attorneys Ranked in Chambers High Net Worth 2019 Legal Directory

07.17.19

Cenorin Closes Sale of AquaGuard Division

11.01.18

Events

Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, October 2024

10.30.24-11.03.24

"Ask The Experts: Legal," Global Superyacht Forum

11.01.14

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"'Taxing' Issues for Superyachts, a West Coast perspective," Cayman Yacht Forum, Flag and Regulatory Update

10.01.12

"Broker and Management Issues: Traps for the Unwary," Northrop & Johnson Annual Meeting

10.01.12

"Superyacht Legal Issues - Newbuilding Projects Contract Terms and Conditions," Global Superyacht Forum

11.01.06

Legal Alerts

Classification Summaries And Third Party Liability

01.14.13

Changes to California COFR Rules Ease Timing Requirements for Certain Vessels

11.28.12

Publications

"Securities Laws Aspects of Partnership and Limited Liability Company Syndications," Washington Partnership and Limited Liability Company Deskbook

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