

## Edward A. Harley

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Ed has a transactional business and maritime practice emphasizing business acquisitions and dispositions, venture capital investments, securities, real estate investment, and general business representation, as well as worldwide yacht and vessel transactions and management.

Ed 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.

### 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 & Recognition

Chambers High Net Worth, Leading Individual, 2017-present

Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers list, 2002-2005

Seattle University School of Law, Academic Scholarship Recipient, 1994-1995

### Services

Business & Corporate  
Finance

Financial Services

Luxury Law

Mergers & Acquisitions

Real Estate Funds &  
Syndications

Sports, Arts & Entertainment

Transportation & Logistics

Yachts, Ships &  
Submersibles

### Admissions

Washington, 1996

## Professional Activities

Florida Yacht Brokers Association, Member

International Superyacht Society, Member

King County Bar Association, Member

- Neighborhood Legal Clinic, Advocate, 1994-1996

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

- Trail Crew Leader, 1994-2001
- Trail Maintenance Committee, 1994-1996

## Experience

Representation of key shareholders in Emeritus Corporation's secondary offering

Acted as legal counsel for key shareholders in Emeritus Corporation secondary public common stock offering.

Representation of borrower in \$25 million plus financing

Acted as legal counsel for borrower in a \$25 million plus financing.

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.

Representation in venture investment of Optimum Energy LLC

Acted as legal counsel for venture investment in Optimum Energy LLC.

Representation in venture investment of Clarity Health Services

Acted as legal counsel for venture investment in Clarity Health Services.

Representation of multiple shareholders in Emeritus Corporation's merger with Brookdale Senior Living Inc.

Acted as legal counsel for several shareholders of Seattle-based Emeritus Corp. in its merger with Brookdale Senior Living Inc. The transaction was valued at \$2.8 billion.

## News

Foster Garvey, Ed Harley Earn Global Recognition for Yachts & Superyachts Prowess in 2024

Chambers High Net Worth

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 7.18.24

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

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 7.20.23

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

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 7.14.22

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

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 7.22.21

Attorneys Ranked in Chambers High Net Worth 2020 Legal Directory

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 7.9.20

Four Attorneys Ranked in Chambers High Net Worth 2019 Legal Directory

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 7.17.19

Cenorin Closes Sale of AquaGuard Division

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 11.1.18

## Speaking Engagements

"Ask The Experts: Legal," Global Superyacht Forum

Panel discussion

11.14

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

Speaking engagement

10.12

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

Speaking engagement

10.12

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

Speaking engagement

11.06

Choice of Entity

Speaking engagement

10.05

Partnerships, LLPs, and LLCs: Organization and Operation

Speaking engagement

12.02

Corporate Law – The State of the Deal

Speaking engagement

December

## Legal Alerts

IRS and Treasury Release New Opportunity Zone Regulations

10.22.18

Classification Summaries And Third Party Liability

1.14.13

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  
*Washington State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education*