

## Edward A. Harley

Principal

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### 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.

### 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

### Professional Activities

Florida Yacht Brokers Association, Member

### Services

Yachts, Ships &  
Submersibles

Luxury Law

### Admissions

Washington, 1996

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

Foster Garvey Represents Gabe Newell in Acquisition of Superyacht Builder Oceanco

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.4.25

Yachts, Ships & Submersibles Attorney Ed Harley Earns Global Recognition in 2025 Chambers

High Net Worth Guide

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 7.24.25

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*, 11.18

### **Speaking Engagements**

Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, October 2024  
Event  
Fort Lauderdale, FL, 10.30.24-11.03.24

"Ask The Experts: Legal," Global Superyacht Forum  
Panel discussion  
11.14

"'Taxing' Issues for Superyachts, a West Coast perspective," Cayman Yacht Forum, Flag and  
Regulatory Update  
Speaking engagement  
10.12

"Broker and Management Issues: Traps for the Unwary," Northrop & Johnson Annual Meeting  
Speaking engagement  
10.12

"Superyacht Legal Issues – Newbuilding Projects Contract Terms and Conditions," Global  
Superyacht Forum  
Speaking engagement  
11.06

### **Legal Alerts**

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*