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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.

Services

Yachts, Ships &
Submersibles
Luxury Law

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 & 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

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, 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

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