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Harley E. Riedel joined Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler, P.A. at its inception in 1974 after graduating from the University of Florida College of Law (with high honors), where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the University of Florida Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif. Mentored by the late Don M. Stichter, Harley tried his first state court case in Polk County Circuit Court only weeks after his admission to the bar and, in his early years, handled virtually every type of case and transaction. Insolvency law, however, with its unique combination of litigation and negotiation over a wide range of legal and business areas, particularly interested him.

Few lawyers in Florida have achieved the rankings in independent peer review surveys that Harley has. His ratings or rankings include:

- **Super Lawyers** – as the best lawyer in the entire State of Florida for seven different years, as one of the top three lawyers in the State on five other occasions, and in Super Lawyers' Top Ten listing for 19 consecutive years;
- **Chambers USA** – as one of only three "Star Performers" in insolvency law in the State of Florida;
- **Best Lawyers:**
 - in the area of "Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Law" (continuously since 1989);
 - in the area of "Mediation;"
- **Florida Legal Elite** – Hall of Fame;
- **Martindale** – as "AV Preeminent" (for more than forty years);

In 1994, at age forty-four, Harley was inducted as a Fellow into The American College of Bankruptcy. In 2007, he was honored by the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association with the McClurg Award for "outstanding effectiveness, thorough preparation, civility, courtesy, and professionalism at the highest level."

Harley is also active in bar activities. He was a founder of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association and served as its president. He has spoken and written on bankruptcy-related topics for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the American Bar Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute, The Florida Bar, and numerous other legal and business groups.

In addition to his active representation of clients and mediation practice, Harley has served as the managing or co-managing shareholder of the firm for more than 40 years. But it has not been a hard task. Often named one of the best places to work, SRBP enjoys extraordinary loyalty from its professionals and staff, almost all of whom have worked at the firm for more than ten years – and many of whom have celebrated their twenty, thirty and even forty-year anniversaries with the firm.

EDUCATION

- Baylor University, B.A., 1971
- University of Florida, J.D., 1974, with high honors
- Editor-in-Chief, University of Florida Law Review
- Order of the Coif
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society



BAR ADMISSIONS

- The Florida Bar (all State courts)
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of the United States

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Recipient, Douglas P. McClurg Professionalism Award, presented by the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association in May 2007
- Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy (inducted 1995); member of the Circuit Council for the Eleventh Circuit (2005-2009)
- Listed as a Florida "Super Lawyer" in the area of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Practice in all editions of "Florida Super Lawyers."
- Also listed as the top lawyer in the State of Florida in all practice areas in 2011, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 as one of the top three lawyers in the State in 2010 and 2017 (third) and in 2012, 2018, and 2025 (second), and as one of the top ten lawyers 2008-2026
- Listed, Tier One or "Star Performer" Tier, all editions of Chambers & Partners, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in the area of Insolvency Practice in Florida (2003 to date). One of only three "star performers" in the bankruptcy practice area listed in the State of Florida in any edition
- Listed since 1989 in "Best Lawyers in America," in the area of Bankruptcy and Business Reorganization; named by Best Lawyers as the first "Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year" in 2010 for the Tampa Bay area
- Listed, all editions of Florida Trend's "Florida Legal Elite"
- Named, Florida Trend's "Legal Elite Hall of Fame" in 2013
- Listed, Tampa Bay's Best Lawyers
- Listed, "Who's Who Legal U.S.A. – Insolvency"
- Listed, Lexology Index "Restructuring & Insolvency" 2026 report, (formally WWL)
- Listed, outstanding Insolvency and Restructuring lawyer by Expert Guides
- Rated "AV-Preeminent Lawyer" in Martindale-Hubbell; AV Rating for more than forty years
- Guest Lecturer, Advanced Bankruptcy Course University of Florida College of Law (2003-date)
- Guest Lecturer, Advanced Bankruptcy Course, Stetson University College of Law (2007- 2011); (2017-2021)
- Recipient, Judge Don Castor Award for a high-level lifetime commitment to legal aid, presented by Bay Area Legal Services in 2023
- Fellow, Florida Bar Foundation
- Fellow, American Bar Association
- Past Chairman of the Hillsborough County Law Library
- Book Awards: Highest academic score in seven law courses as a law student at the University of Florida (1972-1974)
- While at the University of Florida Law School, each of his three student works was selected for publication in the Law Review and was selected the outstanding student work for that quarter, earning the Gertrude Brick Case Comment Award, the George W. Milam Note Award, and the Alumni Association Commentary Award
- Tax Research Instructor, University of Florida, 1974
- Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities