

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough

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S.C. Lawyers Weekly Recognizes Nelson Mullins' Riley, Harper



COLUMBIA -- South Carolina Lawyers Weekly has honored Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP partners Richard W. Riley and Sue Erwin "Corky" Harper as 2014 Leaders in Law. In addition, the publication selected Riley as its Lawyer of the Year. The publication recognizes those who have achieved success in their law practice, made contributions to society, and had an impact on the legal industry.

Riley is a former South Carolina governor and former U.S. Secretary of Education. As governor, he initiated the Education Improvement Act, the Employment Revitalization Act, the S.C. Research Authority, regional nuclear waste compacts, merit selection of public service commissioners, greater openness in government, and a constitutional amendment creating a state reserve fund, among other important measures. As U. S. Secretary of Education, he helped launch initiatives to improve access and quality in preschool, K-12, postsecondary and career education and training.

At Nelson Mullins, Secretary Riley counsels clients on corporate, government and education matters. He established and serves clients of the firm's affiliate, EducationCounsel, a team addressing matters in education policy, strategy, law, and advocacy to drive progressive education reform. At the same time, Secretary Riley remains a public ambassador for education improvement in South Carolina and the nation, as well as abroad. He serves on and chairs entities that seek to improve teaching and learning at all levels, the colleges of education at Walden and Winthrop universities bear his name, and he leads the Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Leadership at Furman University. He has chaired several ABA entities to promote civics education in our nation's schools and the rule of law worldwide. Secretary Riley has been inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame, and TIME Magazine named him one of our nation's *Top 10 Best Cabinet Members*.

To view Mr. Riley's bio, [click here](#).

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Ms. Harper leads Nelson Mullins' labor and employment practice in South Carolina. She is certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a specialist in employment and labor law.

She is immediate past chair of the South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on Specialization and Continuing Legal Education. She was the first president of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association; that group recognized her with the Jean Galloway Bissell Award given to those who have paved the way to success for women lawyers through distinguished and noteworthy service to the public and the legal profession and achievement of professional excellence.

To view Ms. Harper's bio, [click here](#).

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The formal recognition will be held March 13 in Charleston.

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