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Richard M. Sebek's practice includes nursing home litigation, medical malpractice, admiralty and maritime, premises torts, products liability, boating accidents, construction litigation and insurance litigation.

**Representative Experience**

- Banker Lopez Gassler P.A., Tampa, FL  
Shareholder, November 2008 to Present
- Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A., Tampa, FL  
Shareholder, 1994 to 2008  
Associate, 1987 to 1994
- United States Coast Guard Reserve (Retired June 30, 1997)
  - Senior Reserve Legal Officer, Seventh Coast Guard District  
Legal Office, Miami
  - Commanding Officer, Reserve Unit, St. Petersburg,  
Promoted to Commander July 1991
  - Commanding Officer, Reserve Unit, Venice
  - Executive Officer, Reserve Unit, Marine Safety Office,  
Tampa
  - Executive Officer, Reserve Unit, St. Petersburg, Promoted  
to Lieutenant Commander April 1986
- United States Coast Guard  
Active Duty Status, June 1975 to August 1984  
Detached Duty Merchant Marine Vessel Inspector, Panama City,  
Florida, 1981 to 1984
- U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office, Mobile, Alabama  
Chief of Licensing, Commercial Vessel Inspector, Investigating  
Officer 1978 to 1981
- United States Coast Guard, LORAN Station, Kwajalein, Marshall  
Islands  
Commanding Officer, 1977 to 1978

**Practice Areas**

Health Care Litigation  
Nursing Home & ALF  
Litigation  
Medical Malpractice /  
Professional Liability  
Admiralty & Maritime Law  
Military Law  
Premises Liability  
Products Liability

**Education**

J.D., With Honors, Stetson  
University College of Law,  
1987  
B.S., With Honors, United  
States Coast Guard  
Academy, 1975

**Bar Admissions**

Florida

- U.S. Coast Guard, Cutter GENTIAN/U.S. Coast Guard Cutter BLACKTHORN, Galveston, Texas  
Served on board the GENTIAN until its decommissioning, on board replacement cutter BLACKTHORN, served as operations officer and chief navigator until 1977; 1975 to 1977

### **Presentations and Publications**

#### **Presentations**

- Frequent Lecturer, National Business Institute, Inc.

#### **Professional Affiliations**

- The Florida Bar
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Elder Law section; Health Care Law section; Military Liaison Committee
- Maritime Law Association: Products Liability Committee; Recreational Boating Committee
- Southeastern Admiralty Association
- Southeast Law Institute

#### **Distinctions**

**AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell

**The Best Lawyers® in America**, 2005-2014, 2016-2019

**Florida Super Lawyers®**, 2010-2018

**Florida's Top Lawyers in Health Care**, *Florida Monthly Magazine*, 2004-2006

**Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities**, Stetson University College in Law, 1986

**Florida Legal Elite**, *Florida Trend Magazine*, 2013; ranked in the top 2% of practicing Florida Bar Members

#### **Court Admissions**

Florida State Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals,  
Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court,  
Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle  
District of Florida

U.S. District Court,  
Southern District of Florida