

Mary Ann Stiles Selected for IAOTP's Global Legal Industry Icon Award IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Mary Ann Stiles at their Annual Awards Gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 17, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Mary Ann Stiles](#), JD, is President of Mary Ann Stiles, P. A., a boutique law firm representing select clients in the areas of corporate, regulation and workers' s compensation. She previously served as Vice President & General Counsel for GTFH, LLC, d/b/a CompCorrect, LLC and General Counsel and Compliance Officer for Construction Casualty Insurance in St. Petersburg, Florida. She was recently selected for the Global Legal Industry Icon Award for 2026, given by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP). The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), a leading global professional organization known for its prestigious annual [awards gala](#) and exclusive vetting process, honors only the most accomplished and influential professionals each year.



Being selected for this distinction by the International Association of Top Professionals is a renowned honor. The Global Legal Industry Icon Award is a distinguished accolade presented to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and leadership in the field of law. This prestigious award recognizes significant contributions to improving the justice system, advancing knowledge in the area of rights and freedom, and advocating for policy changes that enhance the well-being of all. Mary Ann has shown a remarkable commitment to excellence and has made a lasting impact on the field of law through her professional achievements and community involvement. Mary Ann Stiles will accept her award on stage at IAOTP's Annual Awards Gala in December 2026.

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The President of IAOTP, Stephanie Cirmi stated, "We are honored to have Ms. Stiles as part of

the IAOTP family. In addition to her long list of accomplishments and accolades, she is a true leader within her field. She has dedicated all her time and knowledge to law. We look forward to honoring her merits with our exclusive Global Icon Award.

Ms. Stiles is a dynamic, results driven leader who has consistently demonstrated success in every role she has achieved over the entire course of her extraordinary career. She is widely recognized in her field for having more than four decades of experience as a practicing attorney and accomplished legal professional.

Her areas of expertise include advocacy, policy, workers compensation defense, contracts, employment law, public speaking, mediation, administrative, regulatory, and governmental relations.

Mary Ann has an impressive repertoire of prior positions. She performed as a Partner for the largest minority and women owned firm in the country, Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. From 1982 to 2012, Ms. Stiles headed her own law firm for 25 years Stiles, Taylor & Grace, P.A. She took leave from her firm in 2009 to serve as General Counsel for Florida Department of Children and Families. reorganizing the legal department and overseeing litigation for the agency. She served as a shareholder, director and officer of American Reinsurance Brokers, Inc. -US, a reinsurance company organized in Ireland, Additionally, she served as General Counsel for the Associated Industries Insurance Company, Inc., Associated Industries Insurance Services, Inc., The Associated Industries Political Action Committee, the Associated Industries of Florida, Special Counsel of the Associated Industries of Florida, Vice President & Chief Lobbyist for the Associated Industries of Florida and there became the first full time woman to lobby business issues starting in 1977. She was Associate Attorney with Deschler, Reed & Critchfield, Intern of the Subcommittee of Federal Procurement Practices with the then Senator Lawton Chiles of the US Senate and was a legislative analyst for the Florida House of Representatives.

Before she began her career, Ms. Stiles attended Hillsborough Community College earning her Associates of Arts in 1973. Continuing her education, she received her Bachelor of Science from Florida State University in 1975. To round her studies, Mary Ann graduated with a Juris Doctorate from the Antioch School of Law in 1978 (now known as the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law).

Throughout her illustrious career, Mary Ann has received many awards, accolades and was



featured in numerous publications as a highly regarded figure in the legal industry. This year she was featured in IAOTP's Top 25 Global Impact Leaders Publication and named Top Global Legal Industry Icon. In 2025, she was recognized by the Committee of Woman on Workers' Compensation of the Florida Bar as a trailblazer and awarded the inaugural Francis Perkins award. In 2024, Ms. Stiles was awarded the prestigious Presidential Award in Law by IAOTP. In 2023 she was featured in IAOTP's global bestselling publication Top 50 Fearless Leaders. In 2022, she was inducted into IAOTP's Hall of Fame and in 2021, Ms. Stiles was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2018 IAOTP selected her as Top Attorney of the Year. Moreover, Ms. Stiles was the first woman inducted into the Florida's Workers Compensation Institute, Inc. Hall of Fame, and was honored as a Top Florida Attorney in the Wall Street Journal, Best Lawyers, Florida Trend Magazine, Tampa Business Journal, Tampa Bay Magazine, and Florida's Women-Led Businesses, among others. In 2017 she was featured in Who's Who of Professional Women and was honored as one of the Best Lawyers in America over numerous years. For 2016 she was the recipient of the Legal Elite Award from Corporate America News. In 2015 named Lawyer of the Year for Tampa Workers' Compensation Law-Employers by Best Lawyers and in 2011 received the Circle of Gold for Outstanding Alumna from Florida State University. She was awarded the illustrious Leroy Collins Outstanding Alumni for Hillsborough Community College and was named to the Wall of Fame at her high school, King High School in Tampa, Florida. Furthermore, Ms. Stiles was one the first women inducted to hold the title of fellow of the College on Workers' Compensation from the American Bar Association since 2009. She maintains her AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell for more than three decades; recognized for many years in Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Attorney – Judicial Edition, The American Registry as American's Most Honored Lawyers – Top 1% and was named "Queen of Comp" by the Tampa Tribune. In 2018 she was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who. She has also served for a number of years as a member of the Board of Directors of Lion Insurance Company. This year Mary Ann will also be considered for the Empowered Woman of the Year Award. Ms. Stiles will be awarded on stage this December at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York for her current selection of the Global Legal Industry Icon Award.

In addition to her successful career, Ms. Stiles serves or has served on numerous boards for various organizations. She previously served on the Board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay for a number of years, and an advisory Board member of Larson's Workers' Compensation Law. She co-founded NWCDN in 2004 and was a board member, founding shareholder, and the chair of the advisory board of the Platinum Bank of Brandon. Mary Ann was a member of the Rules Committee on Workers' Compensation for the Department of Administrative Hearings of the State of Florida, was a member of the Florida Workers' Compensation Task Force. Ms. Stiles is also a thriving entrepreneur who was the Owner and President of Styles by Stiles, a shareholder and President of the 42nd Street Café & Bistro, Fletcher's Backstreet Grill, the Co-owner and Director of Eclipse, Inc., a PEO; and, was a shareholder and director of Six Stars Development Company of Florida, Inc.

Looking back, Mary Ann attributes her success to her education and training, her perseverance, staying active in her chosen field of workers compensation, and her passion for the law. When

not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband Barry Smith, her children and grandchildren, her large family and friends, boating, reading and traveling. For the future, she will continue to serve and advise her clientele, resolve disputes and protect liberties and rights of all either in the administrative or legislative systems.

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