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Peter R. Wallace is a St. Petersburg native and alumnus of St. Petersburg High School, a 1976 graduate of Harvard College and a 1979 graduate of Harvard Law School.

Upon graduating from law school Peter clerked for Judge Paul H. Roney on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and then joined a St. Petersburg law firm. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives from a district in St. Petersburg in 1982 and served until 1996. During his final two years in office he was Speaker of the House, the only person from Pinellas County ever to serve in that post. In 1998, he ran statewide for the cabinet post of Commission of Education, but lost to Tom Gallagher.

Peter returned to the practice of law with the St. Petersburg firm of Skelton, Willis & Wallace, LLP, in 2000. His wife, Helen Pruitt Wallace, is a professor of creative writing at Eckerd College.

EDUCATION

Harvard College (A.B., Government and Economics, *magna cum laude*, 1976)
Harvard Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1979)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk to the Honorable Paul H. Roney, U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979-80
Skelton, Willis & Wallace, LLP, Partner, 2000-present

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Member, Florida House of Representatives, 1982-1996
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives, 1994-1996
Director, Pinellas Education Foundation, 2002-present

HONORS AND AWARDS

Miami Herald Most Effective Member of the Florida House of Representatives, 1993 and 1994
1000 Friends of Florida Bill Sadowski Award, 1992
Florida Trend Magazine Legal Elite, 2006, 2007 and 2008
Florida Super Lawyers, 2008-2012
Best Lawyers in America, 2013

PRACTICE AREAS

Real Estate
Estate Planning and Probate Administration
Civil, Probate and Trust Litigation
Business Formation and Contracts