

# Cory Simmons, Esq.

Attorney at Law  
Morgan & Morgan, P.A.  
Business Trial Group  
76 South Laura St., Ste 1100  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202  
[csimmons@forthepeople.com](mailto:csimmons@forthepeople.com)  
(904)361-4417

---

A civil litigator with ten years of courtroom and client experience.

## *Areas of Practice:*

Civil Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Professional Liability, and Trial Advocacy

## *Legal Experience:*

- Position:* Morgan & Morgan, P.A. – Business Trial Group  
*Lead Attorney/Partner, June, 2016 - present*
- Duties & Achievements:*
- ~ I currently lead the North Florida and Georgia Branch of Morgan & Morgan’s Business Trial Group. I exclusively litigate commercial, contractual, and business claims from filing through trial and appeal.
  - ~ Prosecution of professional malpractice claims related to pharmaceutical patenting and development valued at over \$20,000,000.
  - ~ First chair in jury and non-jury trials for breach of contract, negligence, intellectual property, and fraud claims against corporations, partnerships, municipalities, law firms, and individuals in both Florida and Georgia.
  - ~ Supervision of 2 associates, 1 paralegal, and other support staff.
- Position:* Baumann, Gant & Keeley, P.A.  
*Senior Associate, April, 2014 – June, 2016*
- Duties & Achievements:*
- ~ As Senior Associate, I represented clients as a first chair litigator in Professional Liability, Construction Defect, and Personal Injury cases. I was the client contact for all construction defect cases, and supervised one junior associate.
  - ~ Successful representation of insurance carriers for uninsured motorist claims and declaratory actions.
  - ~ Successful representation of a general contractor in a major construction defect case in Jacksonville, Florida with 26 active parties.
  - ~ Successful representation of title and closing agents against claims of breach of fiduciary duties from the FDIC, as receiver for a failed bank, in the Orlando area, all claims in excess of

\$3,000,000.00.

Fulmer, LeRoy, Albee, Baumann PLC  
Position: *Associate, March 2012 – April, 2014*  
Duties & Achievements: ~ Defense of Wrongful Death, Personal Injury, Professional Malpractice, and First Party actions with focuses in industrial safety, real estate, and corporate transactions.  
~ Caseload of 25-50 cases.  
~ 2 successful summary judgment motions in premises liability cases.

The Law Offices of Robert Shafer & Associates  
Position: *Senior Associate, January 2009 – March 2012*  
Duties & Achievements: ~ Defense of criminal cases and civil forfeitures, including jury trials as first chair; I researched, drafted, & argued motions and appeals and supervised 2 junior associates.  
~ 9 jury trials as first chair: 3 not guilty verdicts, 1 hung jury.  
~ 9 felony motions to suppress filed: 5 granted.  
~ 6 motions to dismiss filed: 5 granted.  
~ 2 appeals: all successful.  
~ Over 70 depositions taken.

Office of the State Attorney, Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida  
Position: *Assistant State Attorney, August 2007-January 2009*  
Duties & Achievements: ~ Prosecution of crimes ranging from punishable-by-life felonies to misdemeanors.  
~ 18 trials as first chair: 12 guilty verdicts.  
~ Successfully litigated 3 appeals.

Intensive Delinquency Diversion Program, Third Judicial Circuit of Florida  
Position: *Case Manager, March 2003 – December 2004*  
Duties & Achievements: ~ Supervision and mentoring of at-risk youth who were referred by the Department of Juvenile Justice to my program for diversion of prosecution of misdemeanors and felonies.  
~ Continuous caseload of 25 juveniles, during 21 months of casework only 2 juveniles were removed from my program due to noncompliance.  
~ Successfully completed over 70 at-risk juveniles from my program; successful completion resulted in the State Attorney dropping all charges against the juvenile.

*Higher Education:*

Florida Coastal School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2007  
~ National Moot Court Champion, Fall 2005 ~ Pro Bono Honors

- ~ Best Oralist, Prince Evidence Competition, Spring 2006
- ~ Vice President, Moot Court Honor Board
- ~ Studied International Law in Rome, Italy
- ~ Regional Mock Trial Quarter-Finalist, Fall 2006
- ~ Certification in Advanced Legal Research & Writing
- ~ Dean's List, 2006
- ~ Top 1/3 of class

Florida State University, Bachelor's Degrees, 2002

- ~ Florida Bright Futures Scholar, 1998-2002
- ~ President of the Seminole Leadership Experience
- ~ Bachelor's Degrees in Philosophy and Theater
- ~ 3.3 G.P.A.

*Reported Appeals:*

*K.J.F. v. State*, 44 So. 3d 1204 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010)

*Community Service:*

- ~ Pro Bono Cases:
  - State of Florida v. Lakesha Henry* (2011-MM-000124, Clay County): Record sealing
  - Carolyn Isaacs v. Ali Cosby* (2007-DR-000160, Duval County): Injunction modification
  - David DaSilva v. State of Florida* (1D16-0632, 1st DCA): Criminal appeal
- ~ The 5 & Dime Theatre Company, Inc.: Member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Governance Committee, (2017)
- ~ McKenzie's Run 5K, McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation: Participant (2015 – 2017)
- ~ Bowl for Kids' Sake!, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of North Florida: Participant & Fundraiser (2016)
- ~ Strides for Pride 5K, JASMYN: Participant & Fundraiser (2014 – 2016)

*Theatre Experience:*

- ~ Constellations, Roland (Lead), a 5 & Dime Theatre Production (July 2016)
- ~ Time Stands Still, James (Lead), Theatre Jacksonville (January 2015)

*Other Professional Experience:*

- Moot Court Honor Board, Florida Coastal School of Law, 2008 - 2015:
- ~ Coach, Frederick Douglass National Moot Court Competition National Champions

*Bar & Court Admissions:*

Florida, 2007

Georgia, 2015

United States District Court, Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Florida

United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia

United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida

Business Trial Group Profile: <https://www.businesstrialgroup.com/attorney/cory-s-simmons/>

Morgan & Morgan Profile: <https://www.forthepeople.com/attorneys/cory-simmons/>

Florida Bar Profile: [www.floridabar.org/mybarprofile/corysimmons](http://www.floridabar.org/mybarprofile/corysimmons)

Georgia Bar Profile: [www.gabar.org/MemberSearchDetail.cfm?ID=MjM0MTk1](http://www.gabar.org/MemberSearchDetail.cfm?ID=MjM0MTk1)