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Ms. Simmons has represented companies as large as the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, for which she managed visa processing for thousands, as well as middle-sized companies and individual EB-5 Investors. She focuses her practice on the management of legal services supporting foreign-owned business entities and individuals investing in the United States in the areas of corporate, employment and immigration law. She manages companies' global immigration needs, as well as both U.S. immigrant and non-immigrant visa processing for businesses and families (temporary work visas and green cards) and the immigration consequences of mergers and acquisitions. Active in the international community, and fluent in both spoken and written German, Ms. Simmons served as AILA's Customs & Border Protection liaison chair for Atlanta Hartsfield Airport for many years, on the national AILA CBP committee and as Mentor Chair for Chapter Chairs of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. She chaired the Ga./Ala. Chapter of AILA from 1999- 2001. She currently serves on the national board of NGO Sister Cities International and as the former Mayoral appointed Chair of the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission, on the Boards of the Dean Rusk Center for International and Comparative Law, the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeastern U.S. and the German American Cultural Foundation.

Ms. Simmons' practice has been ranked by Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners for several years. Chambers also has ranked Ms. Simmons personally as one of the best immigration lawyers in Georgia. She is also recognized by Best Lawyers, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers and Georgia Trend magazine's Legal Elite. Ms. Simmons earned Bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and German Studies from Furman University; a Master's in German Studies from the University of Virginia; and a JD from the University of Ga. School of Law.

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