

# Mark J. Simeon

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## SUMMARY

Trustworthy, dependable, and solution-driven servant leader with a history of superior performance in advisory and representative capacities, informed by a legacy of public service and a commitment to constitutional protections. Possesses excellent communication skills, both oral and written, and is accustomed to performance at a high level on a public stage. Relied upon for discretion, diplomacy, and judgment in legal representation of a wide range of individuals in litigation settings, including, but not limited to, commercial drivers, elected officials, law enforcement officers, professional and college athletes, entertainers, and defendants accused in highly sensitive, confidential, and high-profile cases. Experienced in North Carolina state court settings ranging from administrative hearings, traffic courts, district courts, superior courts, and the court of appeals. Recognized statewide for developing advanced legal positions that solve complex driver's license restoration projects, enabling safe drivers with permanently revoked licenses to regain licensure, often without costly administrative hearings.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Raleigh, NC  
Special Projects Officer

01/2020 – 04/2020

- Designated "Essential" during the Stay-at-Home Executive Order #121, oversaw special projects for the Assistant Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), Military Division, at the behest of the NC DMVA Department Secretary, providing active outreach, including virtual outreach during the COVID-19 pandemic, to, among others, active duty military, veterans, and veterans service organizations.
- Served as Hometown Strong Working Group project officer tasked with developing initiatives that restructure state government's approach to addressing needs of rural North Carolina.
- Served as State Reentry Council Collaborative project officer to develop recommendations for Justice-Involved Veterans.
- Served as a coordinator for the DMVA Military Affairs Working Group to collaborate and synchronize veteran and military efforts with state government departments and agencies.
- Coordinated DMVA partnerships with Veteran Service Organizations and local governments to revive and rebuild Veteran Service Organization post(s) damaged by recent hurricanes.

Simeon Law Offices, Durham, NC  
Founder, Managing Partner

12/1989 – 01/2020; 05/2020 - Present

- Provided criminal defense legal representation -- both as privately retained and court-appointed defense counsel -- for individuals charged with state statute and municipal code violations ranging from traffic infractions to felonies, including, but not limited to, domestic violence, sexual assault, home invasion, armed robbery, controlled substances possession, drug trafficking, and homicide.
- Analyzed facts, laws, rules, regulations, interpretations, and related written documents and applied applicable law to those facts; conducted legal research; planned, developed, and executed an effective litigation strategy to achieve desired results; prepared, organized, and conducted witness examinations.
- Interpreted and applied laws of arrest, search and seizure by law enforcement.
- Coordinated and executed winning litigation strategies in North Carolina administrative hearings, District Court bench trials, Superior Court jury trials, and the Court of Appeals.
- Appeared in over 20 counties in North Carolina State Courts and administrative hearings.
- Developed and delivered training and analysis of public records in a classroom setting for lawyers seeking solutions to complex revoked drivers' license restoration projects.
- Conducted business as 919TrafficTickets(.com) for regional private traffic defense practice.
- Founded the nonprofit, NC DRIVERS LICENSE RESTORATION, INC. for indigent drivers' access.

Michaux And Michaux, P.A., Durham, NC 04/1987 – 10/1989  
Associate Attorney

- Supervised two associate attorneys and the Associate Attorneys' support staff.
- Assisted with the firm's role as Developer's Counsel for residential & commercial deals.
- Provided oral and written legal analysis for firm partners in civil and criminal litigation matters.
- Performed legal research and developed litigation strategies for civil and criminal cases.
- Interfaced with parties to litigation, including opposing counsel, and local government officials.

Reynolds & Mundy Law Offices, Washington, DC 04/1985 – 04/1987  
Associate Attorney

- Assisted with the firm's role as Co-Bond Counsel for the District of Columbia's industrial revenue bond (formerly known as industrial development bonds) issues, participating in the research and drafting of IDB/IRB legal opinions on the tax exemption status for each deal.
- Provided oral and written legal analysis for firm partners in civil and criminal litigation matters.
- Performed legal research and developed litigation strategies for civil and criminal cases.
- Interfaced with parties to litigation, including opposing counsel, and government officials.

Aetna Life & Casualty Insurance Company, Chicago, IL 08/1979 – 07/1981  
Loss Control Engineer

- Received training in Chicago, IL and Hartford, CT for risk analysis related to liability exposures for commercial lines of liability insurance protection.
- Advised on and oversaw implementation of liability prevention strategies for commercial insureds in the Greater Chicago area.
- Provided risk management services for commercial insureds in the Greater Chicago area.

## EDUCATION

Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC Class of 1984  
Juris Doctor Degree  
HONORS: Associate Editor, Howard Law Journal

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA Class of 1979  
Interdisciplinary Bachelor of Science Degree

## JURISDICTIONS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW

District of Columbia Bar (Bar #394469) Admitted 1985  
(Relocated to NC while in good standing, with no discipline)

North Carolina State Bar (Bar #13987) Admitted 1987  
(Active, in good standing, with no discipline)

North Carolina Federal Bar (U.S. District Court for NC, Eastern, Middle, Western Districts) Admitted 1990-91  
(Active, in good standing, with no discipline)

## PROFESSIONAL & BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

North Carolina Bar, Raleigh, NC Joined 1987  
North Carolina Bar Association, Raleigh, NC Joined 1987  
Durham County Bar Association, Durham, NC Joined 1987  
George H. White Bar Association, Durham, NC Joined 1988  
North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Raleigh, NC Joined 1989  
Association of The United States Army, Braxton Bragg Chapter, NC Joined 2020

## CERTIFIED TRIAL SKILLS TRAINING

National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA), NC  
Certificate of Completion (One Week Course)

Completed 1991

## REFERENCES

Honorable Larry D. Hall  
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Commissioner, NC Division of Motor Vehicles (Retired)  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Fifteenth Judicial District (Retired)  
Chief District Court Judge, Fifteenth Judicial District (Retired)  
Assistant District Attorney, Fifteenth Prosecutorial (Retired)  
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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Morehouse College Alumni Association, Triangle (NC) Chapter, Durham, NC President	Joined 1987
NAACP, Durham Chapter, Durham, NC Legal Redress Chair	Joined 1990
Durham Companions, A United Way Mentoring Nonprofit, Durham, NC Board President	Served 1994-95