

## **SHORT RESUME OF GERALD G. SIMMONS**

1.) I am duly licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio, and have practiced criminal defense law for more than thirty-three (33) years, during which time I have represented in excess of one thousand clients on felony charges, and have tried approximately one-hundred fifty such cases to juries.

2.) I have been a faculty member in over thirty accredited seminars on the subject of criminal defense trial practice.

### **PERSONAL**

D.O.B. 12-3-37      AGE: 67      One Son, Three grandchildren.

U.S. Navy 1955-1958      Enlisted Rank: E-5.

Current residence      59 West Livingston Ave. Columbus (Brewery District)

Brewery District Commission (Vice Chairman))

### **HIGHER EDUCATION:**

Bowling Green State University, 1959-1964;  
B.A. In English Literature.

Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law 1967-1971 (Night School); J.D. 1971.

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:**

Board of Directors, Legal and Defender Society of Columbus, 1974-1981; President of Board 1980-81.

Franklin County(Ohio) Public Defender Commission, 1976-1987;Chairman of Commission, 1976-1987.

Board of Directors (& Founding Member), Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers,1986-1999;

1994-1998, Vice-President for Continuing Legal Education;  
1997-1998, Vice-President, Publications;      Frequent Lecturer, Death  
Penalty Seminars, emphasis on Capital Voir Dire;  
Coordinated and Directed OACDL's 1995 Death Penalty Seminar.

Board of Directors (& Founding Member), Central Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1993-Present.

Former member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers,

American, Ohio State and Columbus Bar Associations.

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:**

Staff Attorney, Legal Aid and Defender Society of Columbus, 1972-1974.

Private Practice, Primary Criminal Defense, 1974-Present

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Ohio Supreme Court Rule 20 Certified Death Penalty Trial Lawyer, First Chair and Appellate Counsel.

First Chair, Several Score Capital Cases, Trial Level. Many of these proceeded to trial. Two death penalty verdicts. Neither now on death row. No death verdicts in last twenty-one (21) plus years.

State Appellate Counsel - State v. Sandra Lockett, State Level Appeal of Landmark U.S. Supreme Court Case of Lockett v. Ohio.

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