



Matthew E. Simmons

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Matthew Simmons represents businesses and individuals in all aspects of civil litigation. Matthew's practice focuses on the defense of claims related to commercial general liability, breach of contract, extracontractual claims, insurance coverage disputes, insurance fraud and wrongful death claims. He has substantial experience handling cases involving commercial transportation and trucking accidents, premises liability, product liability and a wide array of commercial disputes. Matthew defends clients throughout the state and is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Louisiana, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Matthew worked at a regional law firm representing businesses and individuals in a defense litigation practice where he handled personal injury, property and contractual disputes, and insurance fraud investigations.

Matthew holds an M.B.A. degree earned concurrently with his J.D. degree, giving him a deeper understanding of his client's businesses in terms of operations and finances and providing him with an added appreciation of the non-legal logistics involved in running a business.

Education

- Tulane University School of Law (J.D., 2015)
 - Civil Law Society
 - Certificate in Civil Law
- Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business (M.B.A., 2015)
 - Tulane Honor Board

Services

- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Commercial Litigation
- Toxic Tort

- Tulane University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2011)

Bar Admissions

- Louisiana

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Professional Affiliations

- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Louisiana Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association - New Orleans Chapter
- American Bar Association

Representative Matters

Obtained dismissal of first-party homeowner contractual claims and extracontractual claims under LSA-R.S. 22:1892 and LSA-R.S. 22:1973 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana in a matter involving damages from Hurricanes Laura and Delta.

Obtained summary judgment in a matter involving a coverage denial under an automobile insurance policy where the premium finance company canceled the policy prior to the date of loss. The Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, upheld the summary judgment ruling.