

## *Biographical Sketch*

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## **Higher Education**

The University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio

J.D., magna cum laude, 2000

Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont

B.A., American Studies, 1997

## **Admitted to Practice of Law**

State of Ohio, 2000

U.S. Tax Court, 2002

## **Martindale-Hubbell Rating**

Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV® Preeminent™, which is the highest possible rating in both legal and ethical standards as established by confidential opinions from members of the Bar.

## **Employment History**

Amer-Cunningham Co., LPA

Partner, May 2021 - present

Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC

Summer Associate, Summer 2019; August 2000 – September 2003; January 2007 - April 2021

## **Professional & Civic Involvement**

Chair: The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority  
Board Member: 2016 –2023; 2023 -present;  
Chair: 2019 – present

Vice Chair, Board of Trustees: Bennington College  
Board Member: 1997-1999; 2000-present  
Chair: Finance Committee,  
Member: Executive, Finance and Investment Committees,  
Past Chair: External Relations and Development Committee

President: St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Foundation, 2023 - present  
Board of Trustees: 2021 – present

Treasurer, Church of Our Saviour (Episcopal), 2024 – present;  
Vestry Member: 2009-2012, 2014-2017; 2023-present;  
Chair: Stewardship Committee, 2006-present;  
Chair, Finance Committee;  
Member: 2004 – present

Board of Directors: Ideastream Public Media 2014 – present;  
Chair: Ohio Public Media Services Committee;  
Past Chair: Government Relations Subcommittee

Board of Directors: The Ohio Governor's Residence and Office Foundation, 2019 – present;  
Immediate Past Board President, 2019 – 2022

Board of Directors: Art Resources Transformations (Curated Storefront), 2021 – present

Member: Blossom Committee of The Cleveland Orchestra, 2021 – present

Member: Cleveland Orchestra Government Relations Task Force, 2020 – present

Member: The Episcopal Church Executive Council Investment Committee (ECIC),  
2018 – present

Member: Leadership Akron, Class XXV

Member: Bluecoats of Summit County

***Past Affiliations:***

Crown Point Ecology Center Board of Directors

(Board Member; 2016 – 2022; Board President; 2017 – 2021;  
Co-Secretary 2021 – 2022)

Past Member: Ohio Republican State Central & Executive Committee (2012-2022)

Co-Chair: Akron-Summit County Public Library Levy Campaign Committee, 2021

Past Member: Episcopal Church, House of Deputies Committee on State of the Church  
(2018 – 2021)

Past Member: City of Akron Charter Review Commission, 2020

Past Member: Supreme Court of Ohio, Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law  
(2017-2019)

Past Member: Facility Governing Board, Summit County Community Based Correctional  
Facility (2013-2018)

Deputy to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church (2015, 2018)

Chair, House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons (2018)

Past Vice Chair: Standing Commission on Constitution & Canons of the Episcopal  
Church (2015-2018)

Past Member: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
of General Convention of The Episcopal Church (2018-2021)

Elected Delegate from Ohio's 13th Congressional District: 2016 Republican National  
Convention Committee

Member: 2016 Republican National Convention's Permanent Organization  
Committee

Past Member, Board of Directors: Autism Family Foundation of Northeast Ohio Chair,  
Governance Committee:

Past Member, Board of Directors: The Civic Commons

Past Member, Board of Directors: Creutzfeldt–Jakob Disease Foundation, Inc.

Past Member, Secretary and President: Episcopal Diocese of Ohio - Standing Committee  
(2008-2018)

Past Member, Board of Trustees: United Disability Services

Past Chair: United Disability Services Basketball Gala

Past Co-Chair: United Disability Services Basketball Gala

Past Member, Board of Directors: Plexus

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Attorney Simon joined the law firm Amer Cunningham Co., L.P.A. as a partner in 2021, having previously spent 17-years practicing in the real estate and business groups of a large regional law firm. From 2003 – 2006, Attorney Simon served as the Director of Administration for the Summit County Engineer, responsible for budgeting, finance, audit, and technology functions of the office.

Attorney Simon currently chairs the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority Board (having been appointed to his first seven-year term by Governor John Kasich and his second, seven-year term by Governor Mike DeWine), in addition to serving as the Vice Chairman and Finance Committee Chairman of the Bennington College Board of Trustees, where he has served for the past 25 years as a Trustee. Attorney Simon was elected to five terms as Member of the Ohio Republican State Central and Executive Committee. He serves as a trusted advisor to elected and appointed officials and candidates for office within local, state and federal government.

Attorney Simon's legal practice primarily includes the representation of businesses, individuals, and public entities in real estate, public and government law matters, non-profit law matters, business law matters, and government affairs and government relations.