

Christopher J. Simmons

Partner



Dedicated Advocate for the Seriously Injured

Chris Simmons is one of the founding partners of Lyons & Simmons. He focuses his practice on representing plaintiffs in catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death cases. He has developed a reputation as a highly-skilled warrior who combines a tireless work ethic with a creative and innovative approach to achieve results for the people that matter most—his clients. Simmons treats his clients' problems as his own. Simmons wants his clients to know that he will stand up for them against their opponents. Anytime. Anywhere.

Proven Record of Results Nationwide

Simmons is a firm believer that results speak louder than words, and with that mindset, he pursues justice for his clients. His pursuit of justice has resulted in him trying cases to verdict throughout the state of Texas and obtaining multimillion-dollar results for his clients in states across the country. Simmons, along with firm Co-Founder Michael Lyons, has assembled a team of lawyers that has been consistently recognized as leaders in their field. Simmons and his team have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in judgments, awards, and settlements on behalf of their clients.

Landmark Verdicts and Major Litigation

In 2025, Simmons was part of the trial team that secured a \$109.5 million jury verdict for two victims of a home explosion that resulted from leaks in a utility company's natural gas system in San Antonio, Texas. The verdict is believed to be the largest negligence verdict in the history of Bexar County. The verdict has received national attention. Simmons was named to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in In Re: Astroworld Festival Litigation related to the tragic events involving the deaths of 10 people at the Astroworld Festival Concert in 2021, created by Travis Scott and promoted by Live Nation. Simmons was among a handful of attorneys selected for the Plaintiffs' leadership of this mass casualty litigation.

Notable Case Results

Simmons has obtained exceptional results for clients in just the recent past:

- \$109.5 Million – Burn Injury, Fire / Gas Explosion
- \$67.5 Million – Burn Injuries, Home Explosion
- \$25 Million – Wrongful Death, Workplace Accident
- \$15 Million – Wrongful Death, Aviation Disaster
- \$10.5 Million – Workplace Injury, Electrical Shock
- \$9 Million – Wrongful Death, Industrial Plant Accident
- \$7 Million – Burn Injuries, Defective Cell Phone / Lithium Ion Battery failure
- \$4 Million – Mild Brain Injury, Trucking Accident
- \$4 Million – Wrongful Death, Rig Fire
- \$3 Million – Arm Injuries, Industrial Facility Accident
- \$2 Million – Spine Injuries, Trucking Accident
- \$1.7 Million – Wrongful Death, Trucking Accident
- \$70 Million – Wrongful Death, Negligent Security/Operations
- \$33 Million – Wrongful Death, Fire / Explosion
- \$25 Million – Wrongful Death, Oilfield Disaster
- \$14 Million – Wrongful Death, Aviation Disaster
- \$10 Million – Business Dispute, Breach of Fiduciary Duties
- \$7.5 Million – Burn Injuries, Explosion
- \$5.5 Million – Mild Brain Injury, Product Defect
- \$4 Million – Sexual Assault, Negligent Hiring / Supervision
- \$3.5 Million – Wrongful Death, Workplace Forklift Accident
- \$2.75 Million – Spine Injuries, Commercial Vehicle Accident
- \$2 Million – Burn Injuries, Apartment Fire
- \$1.3 Million – Catastrophic Injuries, Trucking Accident

Areas of Experience

Simmons has extensive experience in cases involving catastrophic personal injuries and wrongful death arising from: oilfield explosions, blowouts, and rig fires; aviation disasters involving planes and helicopters; industrial accidents involving machines, vehicles, fires, and chemicals; defective products; electrocutions; and commercial trucking accidents. Additionally, Simmons has handled large, “bet-the-company” business disputes on behalf of plaintiffs involving breach of contract, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duties.

Honors and Professional Recognition

Simmons’ results-oriented mindset has gained the recognition of his peers. He has been recognized by the National Law Journal as one of the top lawyers in the country as a “Trailblazer” award recipient. Simmons is a Life Member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. He has been recognized on the Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers (2020-2025). Simmons has earned Best Lawyers in America (2021-2025) and D Magazine Best Lawyers in Dallas (2019, 2021-2023) recognition. He was also honored as a “Best Lawyer in Dallas under 40” by D Magazine (2018 - 2020), and was named one of the Top 40 Under 40 by the National Trial Lawyers (2015). In 2019, Simmons was recognized in the prestigious “On the Rise” Texas Lawyer Professional Excellence Awards. Simmons has been named to the Thompson Reuters Super Lawyers listing (2022-2024) as well as the companion Texas Rising Stars listing (2014 - 2020). He was also repeatedly honored as one of the “Up-and-Coming 100” Rising Stars in Texas (2017 - 2021).

Commitment to Community and the Legal Profession

In addition to his efforts to obtain results for his clients, Simmons has consistently worked to support community members and peers by working on multiple committees within the Dallas Bar Association and other associations in Texas. With the help of his peers, he has raised significant amounts of money for charitable causes benefiting the citizens of Texas. In 2013, the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers honored Simmons by presenting him with the “Outstanding Committee Chair Award” for his efforts to support his community and peers.

Bar Admissions

- Texas
- New Mexico
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers in America, (2021-2025)
- Best Lawyers in Dallas, D Magazine (2019-2023)
- Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas, D Magazine (2018-2020)
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers (2020-2025)
- Super Lawyers (2022-2024)
- Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Texas, Up-and-Coming 100 (2017-2021)
- Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Texas (2014-2020)
- On the Rise, Texas Lawyer Professional Excellence Awards (2018)
- National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 Under 40 Trial Lawyers (2015)
- Top Verdicts Top Texas Verdicts List (2012)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, "Outstanding Committee Chair Award" (2013)

Education

- Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas
 - Honors: Order of Barristers
- Texas A&M University, B.A. with Honors

Professional Associations & Memberships

- State Bar of Texas, Member
- State Bar of New Mexico, Member
- Dallas Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- Dallas Bar Association, Member