

## Stu Simms



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### Practice Areas

Civil Litigation; Civil Rights; Criminal Defense; Defense of Professional Licenses; Election Law; Employment Law; Government Relations/Government Contracting; Mediation; Personal Injury/Wrongful Death; School Sexual Misconduct Proceedings

### Career Milestones

- Secretary, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, 1997-2003
- Secretary, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, 1995-1997
- State's Attorney for Baltimore City, 1990-1995
- Assistant United States Attorney, 1978-1982

### Profile

With nearly 20 years experience as a trial lawyer and respected prosecutor, as well as more than a decade heading large government agencies, Stu offers enormous experience, judgment, and credibility to clients, particularly those with matters involving state and local government. Stu was twice elected by the citizens of Baltimore as the city's chief prosecutor. Recently, Stu was nominated to The American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Substance Abuse, which works to inform and educate lawyers and the public on programs that address substance abuse as well as the many problems associated with illegal drug use.

Stu is one of five members of the Maryland Public School Labor Relations Board, who are appointed by the Governor to administer labor relations provisions relating to public elementary and secondary education. The Board decides controversies and disputes between local boards of education and employee organizations representing school system personnel.

In 2015, Stu was selected as one of the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland's Honorees for exemplifying the best in the legal profession for unwavering commitment to creating a more just and accessible legal system in our state. The Boy Scouts of America recognized Stu in 2014 with the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award for outstanding service by an adult individual for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds.

In 2013, Stu was selected by the NAACP as a Thurgood Marshall Honoree. The president of the Baltimore City NAACP recognized this as "an opportunity for us (the NAACP) to honor and celebrate the selfless and community-oriented service provided by a cross section of leaders in our city." Stu was also chosen to receive *The Daily Record's* 2013 Leadership in Law Award, which recognizes the outstanding work being done by members of the legal community throughout Maryland.

In 2013, the American Bar Association appointed Stu as a member of the Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law, which is part of the ABA's Division for Public Services, an ABA department dedicated to applying the knowledge and experience of the legal profession to promotion of the public good.

In 2012, Stu was awarded Baltimore Child Abuse Center's first Founder's Award, recognizing his efforts in co-founding the organization in 1987. His vision, leadership, and advocacy insured that child victims of sexual abuse in Baltimore would be treated with respect, dignity, and kindness.

Stu was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the fields of General Practice Criminal Defense and Commercial Litigation. Since 2013, Stu has been chosen annually by his peers to the *Maryland Super Lawyers*. Only five percent of the lawyers in the state are chosen for inclusion in *Super Lawyers*.

## Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D. 1975
- Dartmouth College, B.A. 1972

## Representative Cases

- Software Developer v. Government Agency - after a government agency cancelled a software developer's contract and refused to pay its bill of over \$1 million, we developed and executed a strategy that convinced the agency to pay the bill in full and cost the client less than \$25,000 in fees (2013).
- *Prison Health Services v. Baltimore County* - successfully represented major provider of medical services in multi-million dollar contract dispute with local government.
- *Ford v. Baltimore City Department of Social Services* - obtained settlement of over \$2 million for child seriously injured in foster care.
- Successfully represented professional license holders, including physicians and podiatrists, in disciplinary actions before state regulatory agencies.
- Counseled a labor union concerning the implications of litigation by a third party against a major employer of union members.
- Represented minority business owner in negotiations with Maryland Department of Transportation regarding termination of a contract.
- Numerous trials on behalf of criminal defendants accused of felonies and misdemeanors in both state and federal courts.

