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Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Kisshia Simmons Named to Lawyers of Color Hot List 2022

Kisshia Simmons honored with Lawyers of Color Hot List 2022 recognition

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Kisshia Simmons, an immigration attorney in Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston office, was recently named to the Lawyers of Color Hot List 2022.

The honorees, who work as in-house counsel, government attorneys, or law firm associates were chosen through a two-pronged process. The selection committee, composed of the editorial staff, fellows and advisers, spent months reviewing nominations and researching legal publications in order to identify promising candidates. Lawyers of Color accepted nominations from mentors, peers, and colleagues. The publication also made editorial picks based on its research of attorneys who had noteworthy accomplishments, giving special attention to candidates who were active in diversity pipeline initiatives.

With more than 15 years of immigration law experience, Simmons focuses on employment-based immigration, temporary work visas, criminal immigration, family-based immigration and complex immigration matters. She started her legal career at the Department of Homeland Security as assistant chief counsel with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, where she argued on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security in the New York Immigration Court.

Following a transition to private practice, Simmons represented small and medium-sized corporations in filing for temporary visas and permanent residence for foreign-born employees. She is also experienced in filing for extraordinary-based visas and green cards for artists, as well as business and marketing professionals, and has argued in Immigration Courts in New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

Simmons graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor of science degree in human development and obtained her law degree at Georgetown University Law Center. As part of her pro bono work, Simmons has successfully argued on behalf of a non-profit providing free health care for Haitian citizens and a Yemeni citizen with a complicated legal permanent resident issue. She is proficient in Spanish.