

Sidney A. Robbins, Esq.

A detail oriented professional inspired by learning, teaching, and research.

PROFILE

- ❖ Over 17 years as a solo practitioner focusing on Intellectual Property law, Entertainment and Media areas, and General Practice.
- ❖ Significant experience drafting and negotiating contracts in music, film, and television arenas.
- ❖ Former licensed National Football League player agent.
- ❖ Formally trained negotiator through the Harvard Negotiation Project.
- ❖ Highly self-motivated entrepreneur.
- ❖ Excellent multi-tasking abilities; thorough and effective problem solver.
- ❖ Great verbal and written communicator.
- ❖ Quick learner; thrives in fast-paced environments.

EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Sidney A. Robbins, LLC, Atlanta, GA

1/04 – Now

Law firm focusing on Intellectual Property Law; Contract Law in Music, Film, and Television arenas; Former General Counsel for the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Civil Litigation; and General Practice.

CEO, Owner

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Draft and negotiate contracts, including major television agreements; draft and negotiate contracts for Grammy® winning/nominated and multi-platinum albums, artists, songwriters and producers; draft and negotiate agreements for film directors, film composers, actors, and screenwriters; and draft and negotiate agreements for book authors.
- Negotiated the first major video game license for HBCU collegiate sports with Xbox 360®.
- Negotiated first major network television deal between the SIAC and ESPN®.
- Negotiated major music licensing and sponsorship deals between clients and Fortune 500 brands, including national radio and television campaigns for Wal-Mart® and sponsorship deals with Chrysler-Daimler® and Coca-Cola®.
- Incorporate businesses, including drafting articles of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreements, and employee contracts.
- Register copyrights and trademarks for clients.
- Represent clients in civil and business litigation, including personal injury claims.

The Honorable Judge Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore, Superior Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, GA.

2/04 – 3/04

Major Trial Court for Fulton County, GA

Staff Attorney

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Draft official court orders.
- Review pleadings and motions filed by attorneys at bar.
- Brief cases and issue of law for the court for both the civil and criminal court calendars.
- Research legal implications of matters pending before the court.

Professor Paul C. Weiler, Friendly Professor of Law, Harvard Law School,
Cambridge, MA. **10/02-5/03**

Professor of Law at Harvard Law School teaching Labor and Employment Law, Sports Law, and Entertainment, Media, & the Law.

Research Assistant

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with research for the texts and courses pertaining to Entertainment and Sports and their intersection with the law
- Texts include: *Entertainment, Media, and the Law*; *Sports and the Law*; *Speaking for Fun and Profit*; and *Leveling the Playing Field*.

Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center, Jamaica Plains, MA. 9/01-12/02

Clinical program and student training firm for Harvard Law School.

Co-Director of the Harvard Recording Artist Project, Equal Justice Fellow

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide legal assistance as a student advocate at the Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School in the areas of business entity formation, corporate maintenance, and entertainment law.
- Train student advocates in entertainment legal fields at the Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School.

So So Def Recordings-Artistic Management, Atlanta, GA. 3/00-6/00

Atlanta-based record label and music artist management company.

Intern

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Prepared record label correspondence.
- Organized client files and assisted with intra-office client management.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Advanced:

Microsoft Word

Intermediate:

Adobe Acrobat

General:

Microsoft: Excel, PowerPoint, Works

EDUCATION

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, Pre-Law Minor, May 2000

Highest Ranking English Major Graduate

Phi Beta Kappa

magna cum laude

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Juris Doctoris, June 2003

Highest Ranking Entertainment and Media Law Student and Sports Law Student