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DONNA L. LOCKWOOD-SIMS – is a honorary graduate of Johnson High School in Gainesville, Georgia. She received an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Georgia and a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and Political Science from Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia where she was honored as the most outstanding graduate in Humanities. She continued her education at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School where she received a Doctorate of Jurisprudence Degree. In January of 1999, she became the first African-American female attorney in Gainesville-Hall County, Georgia as she opened her private law firm, **Law Office of DONNA L. LOCKWOOD**. She has tirelessly and zealously represented and advocated for her clients with overwhelming passion and compassion at all levels of the Court System for over twenty-four (24) years. She practices in the areas of criminal defense, family law, personal injury, fiduciary and estate law. In 2018, she received an additional degree in Biblical Counseling from Liberty University. In May of 2022, she retired from a local manufacturing company, SKF USA INC., with thirty-five (35) years of service in Inventory Management. In her multiple years of service to the local community, she has served on the Board of Directors for the W.L. Whelchel Life Center & the Board of Directors for the Veterans and Community Outreach Foundation. She is a faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Flowery Branch, Georgia where she has served as the Church Clerk, Mission Ministry Member, and Deaconess Ministry Member. She is also a Friend of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas through their online membership program. She is the daughter of the late Donald B. Lockwood and Juanita Lockwood of Flowery Branch, Georgia. She is the loving wife of Patrick T. Sims. Although she has no children of her own, she is the proud Aunt of eleven nieces, eight nephews, two great-nieces, and three great-nephews. Her hobbies include traveling, attending sport events, can-am riding, walking, exercising on her elliptical and bicycle, and spending quality time with her family.

