

Curriculum Vitae

The Law Office of Lawrence J. Zimmerman, P.C.

Personal and Professional Background

Lawrence Zimmerman has represented those accused of serious crimes for over two decades both in the state and federal courts. He has acquitted people of crimes ranging from murder to rape and reversed convictions in the appellate courts. He attended University of Florida undergraduate school and then went to law school at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. In addition to his work as a lawyer, he is a trusted legal analyst for several Atlanta news stations and a regular on CourtTV. He has been quoted in many newspapers including the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Atlanta Journal Constitution, and the Miami Herald to name just a few. He has been on the AJC's "Breakdown" Series podcast several times. He has been featured on the front page of the Daily Report, which is Georgia's only legal newspaper for lawyers many times. He has appeared on Good Morning America, The Today Show, Anderson Cooper, CBS Morning News, CNN, HLN, NPR, and he is mentioned in ABC news anchor Amy Robach's book "Better." He is co-executive producer of a new podcast that was released in the summer of 2020 titled "Racket, Inside the Gold Club." As GACDL President from 2020-2021, he worked closely with the trial courts, Supreme Court, and multiple government agencies to help address problems in the criminal legal system and come up with solutions during the statewide judicial emergency including a pandemic handbook issued by GACDL. From 2015-2017 seasons he worked as outside counsel with the Atlanta Falcon's security team. Most recently, in October 2021 he won a national election to the Board of Directors for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Education

- University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida (1994)
 - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

- Roger Williams University, Ralph R. Papitto School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island (1998)
 - Juris Doctorate

License

- 1998-Present State Bar of Georgia
 Active Member in Good Standing

Professional Associations

- Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
President from 2020-2021

- Cobb County Bar Association
Member
1999-Present
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Member
1999-Present

Employment History

- 1999-Present The Law Offices of Lawrence J. Zimmerman, P.C.
269 Roswell St NE, 3rd Floor, Marietta, GA 30060
- 1997-1998 Rhode Island Public Defender’s Office (Internship)
- 1996-1997 Miami Dade Public Defender’s Office (Internship)

Awards

- “President’s Award” for contributions as President of GACDL.
Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
2021
- “Strikeforce Award”
Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
2019
- “Gideon’s Promise”
Southern Center for Human Rights
2018
- “Super Lawyers”
2018 – Present.
- “President’s Award”
Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
2017
- “Emmy Award”
Southeastern Region for 11 Alive Dream Team
Emmy
2017
- “Strikeforce Award”
Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
2015

Publications

Zimmerman, Lawrence, 2017, "How Not to Get Thrown In Jail." *Georgia Bar Journal*, vol. 22, no. 7, pp. 17-21.

Speaking Engagements

- The Gathering Spot
2020, "Criminal Justice Reform" - Speaker
- Chief Justice Melton's Seminar
2020
"Criminal Justice, Professionalism, and Coronavirus CLE" - Speaker
- 2019 State Bar of Georgia
"Winning Jury Trials in Divorce Cases" – Speaker
- Clayton County Bar Association
"Don Samuel's Case Law Update" – Speaker
- Emory Law School 2019
"Working on Television As A Legal Analyst" - Speaker
- 2019 GACDL Digital Evidence Two Day Seminar At Georgia State University School of Law, "Winning Your Case With Digital Evidence" - Co-chair and Speaker
- 2018 Cobb County Legal Secretaries Association, "High Profile Cases"- Speaker
- 2017 GACDL Winter Seminar
"Managing Your Message In High Profile, Low Profile, And No Profile Cases"- Speaker
- 2017 State Bar of Georgia, St. Simons Seminar,
"Contempt of Court" – Speaker
- 2017 Spring Conference of Child Care Workers
"Crisis Management and Working With The Media" – Speaker
- 2017 Entertainment, Sports, And IP Law Seminar, North American Law Summit
"Legally On TV: Emmy Award Winning Dream Team" - Speaker
- 2016 Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Winter Seminar,
"Strikeforce Contempt Training" - Speaker
- 2015 GACDL St. Simons Spring Seminar

“Forensic Science” - Chair

- 2015 Kennesaw State University
“Questions And Answers with Students- Paralegal/Criminal Justice Class”
- 2015 Cobb County Bar Association, Criminal Defense Section, “Effective Assistance of Counsel” - Speaker
- Spring Fling 2011, Federal Defenders Inc.
“Tips and Objections on Pre-Sentence Interview in Federal Court” - Speaker
- 2011 Law Review CLE, “Practicing Federal Criminal Defense” - Speaker
- 2011 Law Review CLE, “Handling Your First DUI,” - Speaker
- Brasstown Valley Seminar Fall 2011 GACDL Fall Seminar- Chair
- 2007 NRA Self- Defense Course, “Carrying Concealed Weapons Law And Self-Defense Law,” - Speaker
- 2006 Fall Seminar GACDL,
“Transitioning Your State Law Practice To Federal Law Practice” - Speaker
- 2006 Winter Seminar GACDL - Chair
- 2004 Fall Seminar GACDL Fall Seminar- Chair
- 2001 Handling Probation Revocation Hearings, GA Indigent Defense Committee
Probation Revocations - Chair
- 2001 Winter Seminar GACDL - Chair

Notable/Current Cases:

- ***State v. AS***- Cobb County foster parent of the year charged in Douglas County Superior Court for child molestation. The judge granted a directed verdict on sexual battery count and the jury found him not guilty on all counts of child molestation.
- ***State v. DO*** – Client a doctoral college student charged in Superior Court with shooting a friend with a MAC-10 when he came into his apartment without permission. A jury found him not guilty based on self-defense.
- ***State v. SY***- Gwinnett County Police Officer charged with felony Homicide by Vehicle when he was traveling 95 miles per hour to a hit and run with injuries. After challenging the State’s indictment regarding reckless driving as the predicate offense, the case was resolved with a misdemeanor. The judge sentenced the client to 180 days in jail.

- ***State v. JP*** – Gwinnett County charged him with rape, child molestation and other counts carrying life sentences. Jury deliberated for 5 days with case ending in a mistrial. However, 10 jurors voted for not guilty. Case was resolved to a misdemeanor with time served.
- ***State v. LR***- Walton County charged her with murdering her husband’s mistress by hiring two hitmen. She was acquitted on all counts of murder; she was convicted on involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault after raising a novel defense.
- ***State of Georgia v. Jeffrey Hazelwood***- Client charged with double homicide in Roswell of two teenagers. After reaching out to the victim’s families and meeting with District Attorney Paul Howard, the defense was able to achieve a negotiation that removed the death penalty in exchange for life sentences. The Capital Defender finished the case with that result.
- ***State v. Basil Eleby***- Client falsely accused in Fulton County of burning down Interstate 85 in Fulton County. Resolved the case to mental health court, and the case was dismissed.
- ***State v. Donald Donovan***- Represented the Paulding County District Attorney and successfully had all felony charges dismissed. He only admitted to a misdemeanor charge.
- ***State v. PS***- Client accused of selling drugs to an undercover Cobb County narcotics agent on two different occasions while two other agents watched both transactions from across the street. The jury acquitted the client on all counts.
- ***United States of America v. BB***- Represented a Bureau of Prisons guard in an investigation regarding a felony false statements charge relating to a civil rights violation of an inmate. The case was resolved to a plea to a misdemeanor.
- ***United States of America v. AB*** – Court appointed counsel to represent a convicted Al Qaeda terrorist involved in the Millennium Bombing Plot. He was charged in Atlanta with Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. We raised novel issues as it related to the speedy trial act as it related to his immigration hold involving national security. He received time served so he could be deported to Morocco.
- ***United States v. ___*** Air Force employee investigated for fraud by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Georgia based on a conflict of interest. The case was resolved to a misdemeanor after pointing out the flaws in the Government’s theory of prosecution.
- ***State v. Wiggins*** – Georgia Court of Appeals, A14A1545 (2015) (Court of Appeals granted our interlocutory appeal reversing the trial court’s denial of a

motion to suppress in a large drug case that also involved seizure of money, cars, and a motorcycle).

- *In re Adams et al.* – Georgia Court of Appeals, A19A1723 (2020) (Court reversed Judge Jane Morrison’s contempt actions against two attorneys).
- *State v. Dwayne Autry* – Georgia Court of Appeals, A10A0879(2010) (Court reversed stalked conviction finding the evidence insufficient).

Bar Admissions

- Georgia
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court Western North Carolina (Pro Hac Vice)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon (Pro Hac Vice)
- U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Georgia

Notable Newspaper Articles

- *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*- “INS Memo to Prosecutors Called ‘Despicable’” May 25, 2000.
- *The Walton Tribune*- “Three to be Tried on Murder Charges” 2003.
- *Daily Report*- “New Trial in Tainted Conviction” December 6, 2013.
- *Daily Report*- “Lawyers Say Toddler’s Mother Now a ‘Target’ in Public Eye” July 14, 2014.
- *The Washington Post*- “The Media Trial of Leanna Harris, Charged with Nothing in Hot-Car Death of her Son” July 16, 2014.
- *Daily Report*- “Cobb Jury Acquits Student Who Shot Man in Home” September 2, 2014.
- *Daily Report*- “Judge Vacates Driver’s Banishment for Speeding” October 2, 2014.
- *Daily Report*- “Driver Cited for Eating Burger Orders Up a Lawyer” January 29, 2015.
- *Daily Report*- “Anonymous Tip, Drugs in Car Aren’t Enough for Home Search, Panel Says” March 25, 2015.
- *Daily Report*- “Federal Judge Gives Prisoners a Heads Up on a Quicker Chance of Freedom” April 26, 2016.
- *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*- “Suspect in Roswell Slayings Shows Odd Behavior in Court” August 6, 2016.
- *The New York Times*- “Missing Weapons Among Police Calls Involving Murder Suspect” August 10, 2016.
- *Daily Report*- “New Lawyers in I-85 Case: Client is Fall Guy” April 14, 2017.
- *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*- “Waiting on a Jury Can Be Miserable” April 22, 2018.
- *Atlanta Magazine*- “The Fire and Everything After” November, 2018.

- *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*- “Marijuana Test Fix Likely Soon, Authorities Say” August 12, 2019.
- *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*- “Ex-Cop Faces Sentencing for Fatal Shooting” November 1, 2019.
- *Daily Report*- “New GACDL Head Says Legal Reforms Made Georgia ‘Better’, But Work Still Remains” January 21, 2020.
- *Daily Report*- “Health and Habeas: A Constitutional Crisis is Quietly Brewing Amid Coronavirus Chaos” March 17, 2020.
- *Daily Report*- “‘We’re Trying Something New Here Today’: How Courts are Staying Connected in the Coronavirus Crisis” March 26, 2020.
- *The New York Times*- “The Citizen’s Arrest Law Cited in Arbery’s Killing Dates Back to the Civil War” May 13, 2020.
- *Daily Report*- “SCHR, Volunteer Lawyers Team Up to Represent Jailed Protesters” June 3, 2020.
- *Daily Report*- “Judiciary Considers Legislation to Alter Speedy Trial Statute” September 23, 2020.
- *Daily Report*- “In Senate Slideshow, Loeffler Attacks Collins for Criminal Defense Practice” October 9, 2020.
- *Daily Report*- “‘Uncharted Territory’: Georgia Trial Lawyers Prepare to Resume Jury Trials” October 30, 2020.
- *Daily Report*- “‘Crisis Mode’: Ga. Defense Bar Group Deals with Impact of COVID as New President Steps In” January 21, 2021.
- *Daily Report*- “Indicted DA Lawyers Up and Steps Down to Defend Himself” February 26, 2021.