

TRENT L. COGGINS ATTORNEY AT LAW

RESUME

EDUCATION

L.L.M., 2016-Present

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA – SCHOOL OF LAW,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Juris Doctor, 2001

MERCER UNIVERSITY – WALTER F. GEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW,
Macon, Georgia

Masters of Business Administration, 1998

MERCER UNIVERSITY – STETSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS,
Macon, Georgia

Bachelor of Arts, 1995

MERCER UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,
Macon, Georgia

PROFESSIONAL

Trent L. Coggins, L.L.C., 2002 – Current

Valdosta, Georgia

- Multifaceted Practitioner with both transactional and trial experience.
- Practice areas include, but are not limited to:

CORPORATE, EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACT LAW

- ✓ Provided training, policy implementation and defense for corporate employers focusing on Employment Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, ADA, ADEA, FMLA and FLSA.
- ✓ Negotiated and prepared personnel agreements for highly valued employees including covenants not to compete, non-disclosure agreements and intellectual property protection.
- ✓ Drafted, reviewed and enforced multi-million dollar business to business contracts including purchase agreements, mergers and acquisitions.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

- ✓ Advisor for numerous private K-12 schools throughout Georgia.
- ✓ Implemented International Student Programs, navigated SEVP approval through USCIS and DHS for the issuance of F and J Visas resulting in increased enrollment, student body diversity and enhanced revenue stream.
- ✓ Advised schools on issues of FERPA/IDEA compliance, accreditation, capital campaigns and financial issues including budget preparation.

ESTATE PLANNING

- ✓ Created comprehensive wealth planning and preservation for High Net Worth clients including planned giving to 501(c)(3) corporations.

REAL ESTATE

- ✓ Conducted numerous Commercial and Residential Real Estate Closings.
- ✓ Advised Real Estate Developers on Zoning and Financial Issues.

Young, Thagard, Hoffman, Smith and Lawrence, LLP, 2001 – 2002,
Associate, Valdosta, Georgia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2015-Present and 2003-2004
Harley Langdale, Jr., College of Business Administration
Valdosta, Georgia

- Legal Environment of Business
- Personal Finance

MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE, 1998-2001 (*adjunct*)
Macon, Georgia

- Legal Environment of Business
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Business Writing

OTHER WORK HISTORY

Mercer University, 1995-1998 – Office of Undergraduate Admission, Macon,
Georgia

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

State Bar of Georgia – Admitted to Practice, 2001.

State Bar of Florida – Admitted to Practice, 2002.

Georgia Commission of Dispute Resolution – Licensed Mediator, 2012.

Special Appointed Attorney General – Georgia Department of Transportation,
2014, Appointed by Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Part-time Citrus Farmer, 2014-present.
- Georgia Citrus Association, Founding Member.
- Leadership Lowndes.
- Honorary Wing Commander, 820th Base Defense Group, Moody Air Force Base
- St. John School, Board Member.

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request

TRENT L. COGGINS, L.L.C.
ATTORNEY AT LAW

TRENT L. COGGINS
*LICENSED IN GEORGIA AND FLORIDA

May 17, 2017

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1500 North Patterson Street
Valdosta, Georgia 31601

Dear Sir or Madame:

It is with immense pride that I submit my resume as a candidate for the Chief Legal Affairs Officer of Valdosta State University. I have been honored to be associated with Valdosta State as an Adjunct in the Langdale College of Business Administration for the past several years. The opportunity to enhance my association within our institution is exciting to me both personally and professionally.

Although I might not be the conventional candidate for this position, I believe that my private law practice has positioned me uniquely to serve the legal needs of Valdosta State. As the University's attorney, I would approach each department as an individual client, catering to their unique legal issues, demands and deadlines, in much the same way as in private practice.

I am attaching my resume for your review. I am happy to provide additional information upon your request.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Trent L. Coggins