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In 2001, Simone served as Assistant General Counsel to Governor Jeb Bush. In that position, she assisted the Governor's General Counsel in overseeing the legal operations of the Governor's agencies and advising the Governor on a wide variety of legal and policy issues. In 2002 she served as General Counsel for the Department of Management Services (DMS). There, she managed all legal affairs for the agency. While serving in this capacity, Governor Bush appointed her Interim Secretary of the agency. Simone returned to the Governor's Office in 2003 to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff. In 2004, Governor Bush appointed her State Chief Information Officer to head state government's central technology planning and policy organization, and in 2005 she became Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

In 2007, Attorney General Bill McCollum appointed Simone Associate Deputy Attorney General for the State of Florida. In addition to serving on the executive management team for the Office of the Attorney General, she was the agency's General Counsel. When appointed to the appellate court in 2010, Simone was serving as Executive Director for the Florida Elections Commission. Simone was born in Monrovia, Liberia, and grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida. She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1988 from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida and her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, in 1996 from Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida.