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Cynthia L. Counts has more than 25 years of trial and appellate experience. Over the course of the past two decades she has built a national media law practice. She is best known for an aggressive motions practice, and has had consistent success in winning cases in the early stages of litigation. She focuses on libel, privacy, false advertising, newsgathering torts, copyright, media and First Amendment law. Ms. Counts defends not only media, telecom companies, and other corporate clients, but also smaller individuals, newspapers, websites, television stations and small businesses in libel, copyright and trademark infringement claims, as well as breach of contract, invasion of privacy, fraud and promissory estoppel cases. Ms. Counts has been at the forefront of the quest for a broad application of Georgia's anti-SLAPP statute, enacted in 1996 to provide an early mechanism for the dismissal of harassing libel litigation.

Ms. Counts also litigated successfully for clients with free speech concerns: from those speaking out about assisted suicide, to individuals facing anti-gay discrimination in requests for vanity license plates, to those wrongfully arrested for verbally criticizing law enforcement, or for uttering profanities in a public meeting.

Ms. Counts is a sought-after commentator and writer on libel, privacy, Internet, the First Amendment and open government law. She also has been selected as one of Georgia's Super Lawyers and is AV® Preeminent Peer Review rated by Martindale-Hubbell. She was also listed in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

Memberships include the governing board of the ABA Forum on Communications Law; the board of the Georgia First Amendment Foundation; and co-chair of the Media Law Resource Center's Newsgathering Committee and annual Conference Planning Committee; and the annual Georgia Bar Media & Judicial Conference Planning Committee.