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Maya Simek is the Managing Legal Director at Equality Ohio in Cleveland, Ohio. Ms. Simek further serves as a Staff Attorney and Lecturer with Case Western Reserve's Human Trafficking Law Project and as an Adjunct Clinical Professor at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law's Community Advocacy Clinic.

In addition to human trafficking, Ms. Simek focuses her practice on legal issues arising within and impacting the lesbian gay bisexual transgender (LGBT+) community. Other areas of interest for Ms. Simek include community lawyering and the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, particularly with social services, on the efficacy of legal practice. The focus on these areas of interest inspired Ms. Simek's spearheading of a law clinic for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS engaging in case management services at the Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center in 2012.

Ms. Simek earned her J.D. in 2010 from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, her M.S.S.A in 2007 from Case Western Reserve's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, and her B.S. in 2000 from John Carroll University. Ms. Simek is admitted to the bar in Ohio and California. In addition, she is an Ohio Licensed Independent Social Worker with Supervision designation (LISW-S).