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Theresa Wardon Benz represents clients such as Ford, Michelin, and Whirlpool in high-stakes product liability and class action appeals, trials, and litigation nationwide. In 2017, the American Bar Association named Theresa one of the top 40 young lawyers in America in its annual "On the Rise" list.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., 2008, *magna cum laude*

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Northwestern University Law Review, Senior Articles Editor

Boston College, B.A., 2003, History, *summa cum laude*, with distinction of Scholar of the College

Phi Beta Kappa

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

HIGHLIGHTS

- Serving as lead appellate counsel to Michelin in efforts to preserve a defense verdict WTO won in an \$80 million product liability trial in Florida.
- Drafted and filed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, at the request of Sidley Austin and the Northwestern Supreme Court Clinic, in a matter involving immigration issues with dire consequences for the petitioner.
- Engaged for amicus briefs by the Colorado Civil Justice League, the Colorado Defense Lawyers Association, and COPIC.
- Won a significant product liability appeal for Ford in the Colorado Supreme Court.
- Won "extraordinary remedy" for Ford in the Colorado Supreme Court.
- Won a complete defense jury verdict for Michelin in an \$80 million, nine-week trial in Florida.
- Won unanimous defense verdict for Michelin in a \$20 million Arizona tread separation lawsuit.

INDUSTRIES

- Medical Devices & Pharmaceuticals
- Consumer Products & Services
- Automotive

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate
- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation
- Mass Torts
- Personal Injury Defense
- Product Liability