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Theresa Wardon Benz represents clients such as Ford, Michelin, and Whirlpool in high-stakes product liability and class action litigation, trials, and appeals 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*

Order of the Coif
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

- 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.
- Won reversal and remand in a precedent-setting Ford seatback case.
- Served as appellate monitoring counsel to a national food distributor in a tractor-trailer accident trial in South Carolina.
- Won a defense jury verdict in a \$66 million federal certified class action in Ohio involving allegedly "moldy" washing machines.

INDUSTRIES

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

PRACTICE AREAS

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