

# Theresa Wardon Named a 2016 Denver Business Journal 40 Under 40 Winner

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Denver: The *Denver Business Journal* has named Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell (WTO) partner Theresa Wardon to its 2016 list of 40 Under 40 award winners. The award recognizes "40 outstanding local professionals under age 40 for their business success and community contributions." The DBJ judged more than 400 nominations for 218 individuals.

"Theresa truly deserves this award," says Managing Partner Carolyn Fairless. "She is a remarkable young lawyer and an exemplary leader in our community."

Wardon's practice focuses on the defense of product manufacturers in high-stakes personal injury and class action lawsuits nationwide. In 2015, Wardon joined the trial team that won a defense verdict for Michelin in a \$20 million product liability jury trial in Arizona. She also briefed and argued the winning appeal for Ford in a product liability lawsuit before the Colorado Court of Appeals, in which the Court agreed with Wardon's arguments and overturned a jury decision against Ford. In 2014, Wardon assisted the WTO trial team that successfully defended Whirlpool in a \$66 million federal certified class action jury trial in Ohio involving allegedly "moldy" washing machines. In the end, the jury found for Whirlpool on all claims.

In addition to her notable practice, Wardon serves on the Board of Directors for The Gathering Place, Denver's only daytime shelter for women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty. "No other organization in Denver has this mission, explicitly serves *this* population with dignity and respect," Wardon says. "I find that moving, and so vital."

Wardon earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law in 2008. Prior to joining WTO, she served as a law clerk to The Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Wardon was promoted to partner at WTO on January 1, 2016.

*Since 2010, Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell lawyers have won 44 complex trials and 33 significant appeals nationwide. WTO represents sophisticated clients in high-stakes civil trials, appeals, arbitrations, and related matters, including class actions, mass torts, and multidistrict litigation. The Denver-based firm was established in 1998 and today numbers 100 lawyers.*