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## Theresa A. Bodwin



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For Theresa Bodwin, a litigator in the firm's Insurance Defense, Insurance Fraud, and Environmental Law groups, the courtroom is the place to be.

Growing up with a father who is also a litigator, Theresa developed her love of the courtroom – and for helping others – early on. After receiving her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan, she went on to earn her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Michigan State University School of Law, where she served as Associate Editor of the Journal of Animal and Natural Resources Law and supplemented her classroom learning through externships with the Michigan Attorney General and the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office.

In fact, as a specially designated student attorney in Washtenaw County, she aided in the successful defense of a man charged with domestic violence against his sister, discovering the police's failure to properly investigate and persuading the court at trial that the alleged victim had a history of mental illness and a tendency to self-inflict injuries only to blame other people. After entering the practice, Theresa joined her father's firm and immediately began overseeing a busy general litigation docket. She later worked as an associate in another litigation firm before coming to Zausmer in 2016.

On Theresa's desk is a sign that reads, "Those who seek equity, must do equity," a philosophy that informs her approach to the practice of law and for pursuing the most favorable outcomes for her clients. If there is a weakness in the plaintiff's case or lack of factual support for a plaintiff's claim, she will expose it.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental Law  
Insurance Defense  
Insurance Fraud

### EDUCATION

#### Michigan State University School of Law,

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2014  
Associate Editor, *Journal of Animal and Natural Resources Law*  
Treasurer, Environmental Law Society

#### University of Michigan,

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 2011  
Minor in Program in the Environment  
Club Sports Student Coordinator  
Zeta Tau Alpha  
Alternative Spring Break  
K-grams Volunteer

### BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Michigan

### PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of Michigan  
*Business Law, Criminal Law, Elder Law & Disability Rights, Environmental Law, Insurance & Indemnity Law, Probate & Estate Planning, and Young Lawyers Sections*

### PUBLICATIONS

"Rocking the Vote: How Preclearance Became Powerless and the Way to Bring the Power Back," *Indonesian Journal of Comparative and International Law*, 2014

### HONORS & AWARDS

Top Women Attorneys in Michigan – 2022  
Best Lawyers – Ones to Watch – 2021 – Present  
Super Lawyers Rising Star – 2018 – Present  
American Red Cross, Certificate of Recognition for Extraordinary Personal Action, October 2013  
Meridian Township Fire Department, Certificate of Appreciation, October 2013



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