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Theresa helps clients manage litigation challenges through gaining an early understanding of the business' risk tolerance, leveraging her industry knowledge, and seamlessly leading trial teams across functions and organizations.

Theresa is known for her creative problem solving and her ability to make the uncertainties of litigation predictable for her clients. She also has a proven track record for leading trial teams in any litigated forum and obtaining total defense verdicts in jury and bench trials. Theresa has previously served as Co-Leader of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group and Head of the Minneapolis Trial Group.

Select Experience

- Lead trial counsel experience across various industries including manufacturing, energy, agribusiness, aviation, and technology.
- Lead trial attorney in international investment treaty arbitrations under UNCITRAL, ICC, the Permanent Court of Arbitration for The Hague (PCA), and ICSID rules with damage claims in excess of \$500 million.
- *In re the Estate of Ronald I. Meshbesher* (Henn. Co. Dist. Ct., MN). Lead trial counsel for surviving spouse a 2-week bench trial; judgment for surviving spouse on all claims, May 2022.
- *Laura Sterns v. The Children's Theatre Company et al.* (Henn. Co. Dist. Ct., MN). Lead trial counsel for performing arts organization in a 2-week jury trial; jury verdict for theater on all claims, January 2019.

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Education

- Syracuse University (B.M., Music Industry, 1998)
 - *summa cum laude*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law - Yeshiva University (J.D., 2001)
 - *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Tax Court

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Director – St. Paul Chamber Orchestra
- District of Minnesota Federal Defender Second Chair Program Participant
- Advocate – Children's Law Center

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, Minnesota, 2023-2026
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, Legal 250, 2026
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, 2020-2026
 - Top 50 Women Lawyers, 2024-2025
 - Top 100 Lawyers, 2025
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*® *Women's Edition*, 2020-2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2022-2025
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2025, 2026
- Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers
- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Future Star," 2021-2022, 2024
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, The POWER 30: Business Litigation, 2021-2022
- *MSBA*, North Star Lawyer, 2013-2016, 2020
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Under 40 Hot List, 2016-2018
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Star," 2006-2007, 2009-2016
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, Up and Coming Attorney, 2009

Insights

December, 2025

The Fair and Equitable Doctrine: An Introduction and Presentation of Different Decisions

October 8, 2024

Dorsey Attorneys Contribute to Guide to Addressing Corruption Allegations in Arbitration Disputes

December 2021/January 2022

Finding Legal Pathways Through the Pandemic

September 21, 2020

RBG: Legal community recalls a trailblazer

September 1, 2020

Dorsey Partner Theresa Bevilacqua Comments on COVID Stimulus Program Risks

August 19, 2020

Dorsey Partner Theresa Bevilacqua Discusses Litigating the Pandemic

June/July

An Epidemic of Litigation

DART 2020

Dispute Anticipation & Readiness Team

November 21, 2018

Meet the two women overseeing Dorsey's litigation team

October 2018

"Moving the Practice Forward", Attorney at Law