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Margaret Fonshell Ward received her law degree in 1987 from the Georgetown University Law Center, and her undergraduate degree from Loyola College in Baltimore, magna cum laude. She is an experienced trial attorney admitted in both Maryland and the District of Columbia, and has also defended and tried cases in state and federal courts in Virginia, New Jersey, Florida, Texas, and California. As a principal of Ward & Herzog, LLC, a women-owned litigation firm in Baltimore, Maryland, Ms. Ward's practice includes commercial litigation, professional liability, long term care, and insurance coverage and defense. She also assists businesses with employment, risk management, trademark, and business dispute matters.

Ms. Ward has written and spoken frequently in her areas of practice. She has been an active leader of state and national professional organizations, including the Board of Directors of DRI and former President of Maryland Defense Counsel. She was a faculty member for the IADC Trial Academy in 2011, several times a faculty member of the FDCC Deposition Boot Camp. Ms. Ward is a past Chair of DRI's Trial Tactics Committee and has presented numerous education sessions on trial practice for DRI, IADC, several State and Local Defense Organizations. She has tried more than 75 jury and bench trials and was selected as the 2018 Lawyer of the Year by the D.C. Defense Lawyers Association.