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Benjamin Bakula practices in a broad range of civil litigation matters including general liability, construction defect and employment litigation. Benjamin has represented a wide variety of companies and insurers from pre-litigation matters to resolution.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Benjamin worked at defense firms in Colorado and Missouri. He handled workers' compensation claims and complex toxic tort claims.

Education

- University of Missouri School of Law (J.D., 2014)
- University of Indiana (B.S. Marketing and Legal Studies, 2011)

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- Illinois
- Missouri

Professional Affiliations

- Colorado Bar Association
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- Employment & Labor
- Toxic Tort
- Workers' Compensation

Client Wins

Ellenberger, Yvars & Bakula Challenge Causation and Credibility to Secure Pre-trial

Dismissal

The Denver, Colorado, team of Laura Ellenberger (Of Counsel), Chris Yvars (Partner), and Benjamin Bakula (Associate) secured a complete pre-trial dismissal in a case where the plaintiff initially demanded \$5 million for alleged injuries from a claimed hit-and-run accident involving a delivery van displaying the branding of a well-known international corporation. Although third-party video captured the incident, the team's investigation raised concerns that the accident may have been staged. Through aggressive discovery and proactive investigation, they uncovered the plaintiff's history of injury claims and identified strikingly similar allegations of injury. Armed with this evidence, they successfully challenged causation and credibility. The Denver District Court dismissed all claims before trial and ordered reimbursement of our client's defense costs.