

*Bio of Sheila Thomas*

Sheila Thomas is a plaintiffs' employment attorney with her own practice in Oakland, California. Ms. Thomas has experience litigating both class and individual gender and race employment discrimination cases. Currently, Ms. Thomas is one of the attorneys litigating Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., a nationwide gender discrimination class action against Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and is Class Counsel to a class of women covered by a consent decree in Brown et al. v. Sacramento Regional Transit. She is also lead counsel and co-counsel in lawsuits against several employers for wage and hour violations in the state of California. Ms. Thomas currently is an adjunct faculty member at Golden Gate University School of Law.

Ms. Thomas was formerly the Director of Litigation at Equal Rights Advocates Inc., a San Francisco based legal women's advocacy organization where she litigated class action cases alleging employment discrimination against women. She also worked as an associate at the law firm of Saperstein, Goldstein, Demchak and Baller. Prior to joining the Saperstein firm, she completed a two-year Skadden Fellowship at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Washington, D. C.

In addition, Ms. Thomas clerked for the Honorable U.W. Clemon in the Northern District of Alabama. She is a graduate of Yale College and Georgetown University Law School.