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***Dukes v. Wal-Mart* Plaintiffs to Hold Briefings on U.S. Supreme Court Oral Argument  
In Support of Class Action Certification**

**What:** On Tuesday, March 29, the attorney for the Plaintiffs in the *Dukes v Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, sex discrimination class action lawsuit, will argue before the U.S. Supreme Court that overwhelming evidence supports the lower court certification of the case—the largest civil rights class action filed against a private employer in U.S. history. At issue is whether hundreds of thousands of women who work or have worked in Wal-Mart retail stores since Dec. 26, 1998, can collectively seek an injunction and lost pay against the nation’s largest retailer for discriminatory wages and career advancement.

**When:** News Briefing to follow oral arguments: Approx. 11:30 a.m.  
Telephonic News Briefing: 1:30 p.m. ET.  
**Call: 800-894-5910, Password “Wal-Mart Class”**

**Where:** U.S. Supreme Court, 1 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C.; front sidewalk.

**Who:** **Joseph M. Sellers**, co-lead counsel for the Plaintiffs, who presented oral argument before the Court; Partner, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, PLLC, Washington, D.C.  
**Brad Seligman**, lead counsel for the Plaintiffs; Senior Counsel, Impact Fund, Berkeley, Calif.  
**Betty Dukes**, lead named Plaintiff in *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, Pittsburg, Calif. Current employee of Wal-Mart.  
**Christine Kwapnoski**, named Plaintiff in *Dukes v Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, Bay Point, Calif. Current employee of Sam’s Club, a division of Wal-Mart.  
**Arcelia Hurtado**, counsel for the Plaintiffs; Executive Director, Equal Rights Advocates, San Francisco, Calif.

**Background:** *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, began as a lawsuit filed by Betty Dukes and five other current and former female Wal-Mart employees on June 19, 2001, in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. That Court granted class certification of the case in June 2004, after an exhaustive review of the evidence. This decision was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, *en banc*, in April 2010. Wal-Mart appealed that decision to the Supreme Court in August 2010, and the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments from both sides on March 29. An opinion is expected before the end of June.

**For more information about *Dukes v. Wal-Mart*, visit [walmartclass.com](http://walmartclass.com).**

**Editor’s Note:** The Rally to Stand with the Women of Wal-Mart, an independent rally sponsored by a coalition of women’s, law, labor, civil rights and justice organizations, will be conducted in front of the U.S. Supreme Court building from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m., March 29. For more information on the rally, contact Maria Patrick at [mpatrick@nwlc.org](mailto:mpatrick@nwlc.org).

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