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### **WHAT'S NEXT IN *DUKES*?**

Brian Kabateck and Ron Karz wrote an article that was published in the Los Angeles that discussed the case *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.*, which was accepted for review by the U.S. Supreme Court on December 6. In that case, the plaintiffs would like to certify a class of 1.5 million women employed by the retailer going back to 1998. The defendants argue that the evidence does not qualify the employees for class standing. The federal district court and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals granted class certification, but following an en banc ruling, some members of the panel wrote a strong dissent.

"If the Court sides with the dissent, the decision will lead to a tightening of standards for all prospective employment related class actions," Kabateck and Karz wrote.