

### Sheppard Mullin's Samantha C. Grant Becomes First Woman of Color to Chair The ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law

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Sheppard Mullin is pleased to announce that partner Samantha C. Grant has become Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Labor and Employment Law. Grant is the first woman of color to assume that role. With more than 20,000 members, the Section of Labor and Employment Law is one of the ABA's largest and most active sections.

"It is an honor to be the Chair of the Section of Labor and Employment Law," said Grant. "When I was elected as Chair-Elect a year ago, we could not have imagined the unprecedented times in which we would find ourselves today. I look forward to working with Section colleagues, from all constituencies, to meet the moment and make a meaningful impact on our workplaces, profession, and broader communities."

As a partner in Sheppard Mullin's Labor and Employment practice group, Grant represents employers in administrative, arbitration and trial proceedings in labor and employment matters, including single-plaintiff, class and collective actions. She has extensive experience litigating discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wage and hour, breach of contract, fraud, defamation, trade secret, covenants not to compete, and unfair competition cases, among others. She also advises clients on litigation avoidance strategies and local, state and federal compliance matters, as well as conducts management and workforce training. The insight and experience she gained while on a two-year secondment, as in-house employment counsel for a Fortune 50 company, was invaluable in her becoming a particularly pragmatic outside counsel.

Grant is also Vice-Chair of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association's Advisory Board and a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. Among other accolades, the *Daily Journal* has named her to its lists of "Top Labor & Employment Lawyers in California" and "Top Women Litigators in California" and the *Los Angeles Business Journal* has recognized her as one of the "Top Women Lawyers" and "Most Influential Minority Lawyers." She frequently speaks and writes on developments related to labor and employment law, diversity, equity and inclusion, alternative dispute resolution, and ethics. Samantha received her Honors B.A. from the University of Toronto and her J.D. from UCLA School of Law.

#### **About the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law**

The Section's more than 20,000 members represent all perspectives of labor and employment law: management, employee, union, government, and neutral. The Section is committed to a balanced discussion of employment issues throughout the world. Section membership is open to all regular, associate and law student members of the American Bar Association.

## Practice Areas

Labor and Employment