

# Hortense Ward

*"Why doesn't she stay in the kitchen?"*

In 1910 I passed the Texas state bar—  
the first female to do so.

*"Women are made from a rib; they're just  
chattel."*

My bill, passed in 1913, guaranteed  
Texas' married women separate property.

*"She's too pushy and forward."*

I was the first woman admitted to  
practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

*"She goes against what God intended  
women to do."*

I stood in the streets of Houston  
championing women's right to vote.

*"Sorry, no time to study your candidates, I  
need to willow the plumes on my hat."*

I was first in line to register  
to vote in Harris County.

*"I'm not gonna nursemaid a woman judge."*

The court clerk left in a huff when I was  
appointed Chief Justice of the Texas  
Supreme Court.

Now, they call me "Liberty's woman."

—Anne Sloan