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CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW WELCOMES YOLONDA HARRISON AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

April 19, 2016

Cardozo School of Law Welcomes Yolonda Harrison as Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion



April 19, 2016 - Dean Melanie Leslie has announced the creation of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Cardozo School of Law, and has hired Yolonda P. Harrison as its director after a national search.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion will work to ensure that all Cardozo graduates have the cultural competency

to be effective attorneys and leaders.

“Today’s lawyers must understand diverse perspectives and communicate effectively about issues of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and ethnicity,” said Dean Leslie. “I look forward to working with Yolonda Harrison to create new initiatives that will strengthen our educational program and our community as a whole.”

Cardozo School of Law is a welcoming community with a diverse student body. Dean Leslie has been working with student leaders on increasing cultural awareness and strengthening dialogue among students and faculty, and expanding inclusion efforts throughout the law school's classrooms, programs and events.

Harrison was most recently the director of student services, diversity and inclusion at Seton Hall University School of Law. Prior to that she worked in the legal division of Thomson Reuters. She was the legal

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May 30, 2018

[Cardozo Hosts 40th Commencement \(/news/cardozo-hosts-40th-commencement\)](#)

Lincoln Center’s David Geffen Hall served as the backdrop on a hot day in May for Cardozo’s 40th Commencement Exercises, held May 29. Sixty-six students received LLM degrees, and 275 received JD degrees.

May 16, 2018

[Gow W. Mosby, Jr. Receives 2018 Whitlock Scholarship \(/news/gow-w-mosby-jr-receives-2018-whitlock-scholarship\)](#)

Gow W. Mosby, Jr. ’18 has been selected as the 2018 recipient of the Mark Whitlock Scholarship.

March 22, 2018

[Judge Patricia Millett to Deliver Keynote Address at 2018 Commencement Ceremony \(/news/judge-patricia-millett-deliver-keynote-address-2018-commencement-\)](#)

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Dean Melanie Leslie is proud to announce that Judge Patricia Millett of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit will be the keynote speaker.

February 16, 2018

[Morelli Trial Team Preps a Full Trial in Regional Competition \(/news/morelli-trial-team-preps-full-trial-regional-competition\)](#)

February 16, 2018 - Cardozo hosted the New York Regional Competition (the regional round of The National Trial competition) February 9-11, with the law school's Benedict Morelli trial team front and center.

April 21, 2017

[Vanita Gupta, Obama's Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, to Speak at Commencement \(/news/vanita-gupta-obamas-deputy-assistant-attorney-general-civil-rights-speak-commencement\)](#)

Dean Melanie Leslie has announced that former [Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Vanita Gupta](#) (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vanita_Gupta) will be the graduation speaker at the Cardozo School of Law 2017 commencement ceremony, which will take place on M

