

BIOGRAPHY: Deborah R. Edwards, Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion



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Deborah R. Edwards, Esq. joined the Law School in September 2017. As Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, Ms. Edwards works collaboratively with the Law School's Dean, Faculty, administrators and students to create an engaging, bias-free and inclusive learning environment. Assistant Dean Edwards' role is focused on ensuring a school climate that values diversity and fosters inclusion and belongingness. This is achieved through purposeful work within the law school community, and engagement with alumni and the broader legal community.

Ms. Edwards retired from the New Jersey Attorney General's Office in 2017, as the Executive Assistant Attorney General. As Executive Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Edwards served as the third highest ranking official in the Attorney General's Office, an office of over 7000 employees, including criminal and civil attorneys and investigators, state troopers, and countless other professionals in ten distinct divisions. As a member of the Attorney General's Senior Executive Leadership team, Ms. Edwards worked to ensure that the Department of Law and Public Safety met its mission to protect the safety, security, and quality of life of the people of New Jersey. As Executive Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Edwards was responsible for oversight of the Division on Civil Rights, the Juvenile Justice Commission, the Division of Consumer Affairs, the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, and the Victims of Crime Compensation Office.

Ms. Edwards also previously served as the Attorney General's Chief of Staff and as Counsel to the Attorney General.

Assistant Dean Edwards received her undergraduate degree in 1985 from the University of Pennsylvania and her law degree in 1988 from Villanova University School of Law.