

**Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law  
Welcomes Patrice Sulton as New Executive Director**

**New York, NY**—The Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law at NYU School of Law is pleased to announce that Patrice Sulton has been appointed as its new Executive Director. A longtime advocate for racial justice, Sulton brings a distinguished background in criminal defense, civil rights litigation, legal education, and policy reform to the center's leadership team.

The center, founded to confront structures of racial inequality across multiple domains of law and policy, grounds its work in four core areas: the criminal legal system, technology, narrative change, and social and economic justice. Sulton will lead the Center in advancing its mission through innovative research, advocacy, and public engagement.

"I'm absolutely thrilled that Patrice is joining us to lead the center at this pivotal time," said Vincent Southerland, Faculty Director for the center. "She is a courageous and dynamic leader who has dedicated her career to advancing racial justice, while using every tool in the advocacy toolkit. This is a deeply unsettling time for those committed to justice. Racist ideologies have grown more brazen, and the very foundations of our multi-racial democracy are increasingly under attack. Patrice's leadership and vision will be invaluable as our center navigates this moment and stays true to our mission."

Sulton began her career as a criminal defense and civil rights attorney, representing individuals most marginalized by the justice system. She later taught at area law schools and led legislative advocacy that transformed local policy in Washington, D.C. In 2020, she founded DC Justice Lab, a nonprofit dedicated to reimagining public safety through research, legislative advocacy, and legal training.

Through her work, Sulton has consistently focused on dismantling interconnected systems of racial inequality. At the center, she plans to connect rigorous academic inquiry with on-the-ground advocacy to create sustainable, meaningful change.

"Our work is grounded in the enduring legacy of civil rights lawyers and advocates who braved some of the nation's darkest moments and made transformative strides toward equality. That history fuels our resolve to meet today's threats with steadfast

commitment,” Sulton said.

**About the Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law**

*The Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law confronts and upends the array of laws, policies, and practices that lead to racial oppression, marginalization and injustice. We believe that the racism that permeates our present day legal system has deep roots. By documenting the history of racism in America, elevating the stories of those affected by race-based inequality, and rigorously applying a racial lens to analyze unremitting disparities, we identify actionable, forward-looking solutions to address the injustices caused by racism and then take action to advance racial and social justice for all.*