

Biography- Valerie Kennedy

Valerie Kennedy is the Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer for the Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County. She has extensive experience in diversity equity and inclusion gained from the public and private sectors. She led diversity efforts in the Appointments Office of the Office of the Mayor and worked with the Mayor's Office of Operations on diversity data initiatives. She also served as the SVP of Diversity Strategy for the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

Valerie's public sector experience includes having served as Counsel to the President and Chief of Staff for the City College of New York's Medgar Evers campus where she addressed diversity and inclusion policy issues, labor and employment law issues and oversaw the Office of EEO Reporting which monitored DEI data. Prior to coming to New York City, Valerie's past employment included serving as a legislative counsel on Capitol Hill and serving as a prosecutor handling juvenile matters in North Carolina.

Valerie earned her bachelor's degree from Brown University and her Juris Doctorate from the University of North Carolina School of Law. She is certified in Crisis Management by Harvard University's Kennedy School