Guylaine Harrison, Esq., MBA Dean, School of Criminal Justice



Ms. Harrison is an attorney and was in private practice prior to serving as a full-time faculty member in the School of Criminal Justice. Since joining Monroe College in 2007, she has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in the School of Criminal Justice. An advocate for criminal justice reform, she has visited numerous correctional facilities and has conducted presentations for the incarcerated population. As the dean of the School of Criminal Justice, Ms. Harrison is responsible for the administration and management of the department. She leads curriculum and program development for the undergraduate and graduate programs in criminal justice and human services. Most recently, she designed and developed the Enhanced Professional Training curriculum for the Royal Police Force of Antigua and presented

to members of the law enforcement community at a closing ceremony in Antigua. She also created and developed the proposal and curriculum for the Master of Science in Forensic Psychology program which was recently approved by the New York State Education Department. She has been a panelist and moderator for events such as DiVA Talk 2019, a symposium on police accountability and the death of George Floyd, and a symposium featuring women in leadership positions. She has been a guest on BronxNet and has responded to media inquiries on legal matters. A leader with over twenty-five years of experience in business, law and education, Ms. Harrison has developed and maintained strong external partnerships with local agencies and entities. Under her leadership, the School of Criminal Justice has hosted Bail Reform symposiums, Restorative Justice symposiums, a series on the closing of Rikers Island, Domestic Violence symposiums, a presentation by Congressman Ritchie Torres on the Right to Know legislation, and has collaborated with Senator Bailey's office on various programming initiatives. As a strong advocate for access, affordability, equal opportunity in education and social mobility, Ms. Harrison has mentored students interested in attending law school. Through a relationship she fostered with the St. John's Law Prep Program (Prep Program) at St. John's University, three Monroe College students were accepted into the Prep Program. These students applied to various law schools and received numerous scholarship awards. Ms. Harrison also cares deeply about social issues that impact families and communities. She has worked for the Honorable Judge Sandra B. Edlitz as a volunteer attorney in Westchester Family Court. As a certified mediator, she mediates cases for Westchester Mediation Centers of Cluster. Ms. Harrison is a member of the Bronx Domestic Violence Advisory Council and was a sworn member of the New Rochelle Complete Count Committee. She assisted with the U.S. Census effort in the City of New Rochelle. A lifelong learner, Ms. Harrison understands the value of research and how it is used to shape policy. Accordingly, she is a member of the Monroe College Institutional Review Board. Prior to her career in law and education, Ms. Harrison worked on Wall Street for many years. She ultimately rose to the position of Vice-President of Municipal Bond Research at Bear Stearns. Ms. Harrison received a BS in Finance from The American University, an MBA from Hofstra University and a JD from St. John's University School of Law.