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Danielle Holley-Walker is the Dean of the Howard University School of Law. She was previously the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of South Carolina School Of Law. Dean Holley-Walker grew up in Houston, Texas. She earned a B.A. from Yale University and her J.D. from Harvard University. Following law school, Dean Holley-Walker clerked for Chief Judge Carl E. Stewart of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She then practiced civil litigation at Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP (now Norton Rose Fulbright) in Houston, Texas.

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Dean Holley-Walker has won numerous awards and has been active in her community. She won the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation's Service Award for performing significant service to the University and the community. She was awarded the law school's Outstanding Faculty Member award twice during her time at South Carolina. She was also named by The State newspaper as one of the top "20 Under 40" leaders for the state of South Carolina. Dean Holley-Walker has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council, and as a board member for City Year Columbia. She is also a Liberty fellow through the Aspen Global Leadership Network.