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Shanicka Kennedy is a Senior Attorney in the Business Model and Employment Litigation Group at FedEx Ground, where she defends the company in employment matters. She previously served in the Narcotics and Organized Crime Section of the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania. In that position, she prosecuted significant federal criminal cases involving Title III wiretap investigations, narcotics trafficking, child exploitation, human trafficking, and violent crimes.

Prior to her appointment as an AUSA, Kennedy served as the chief deputy director of the Allegheny County Office of the Public Defender (OPD). In that role, she was responsible for all areas of the operation and management of the OPD, including financial management, oversight of the case management system and human resources functions, including the supervision of 125 employees, including 85 attorneys.

She started her career with the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office prosecuting criminal matters involving homicides, sexual and physical abuse against children, and DUI offenses. Kennedy then entered private practice at the law firm of Burns White LLC, where she represented corporate clients in toxic tort matters and also represented clients in criminal defense matters.

Kennedy has worked as an adjunct professor at Duquesne University School of Law and Carlow University and has also instructed students in the University of Pittsburgh's Upward Bound Program. Throughout her career, she has been appointed to numerous community service boards and committees. She currently serves as the assistant secretary of the Board of Directors for Wesley Family Services, and as a member of the Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR) and Macedonia FACE boards. Prior honors include recognition as a *Pittsburgh Magazine* 40 under 40 Honoree; one of the *New Pittsburgh Courier's* Women of Excellence; and the 2018 Outstanding Achievement Award from Duquesne University School of Law.

A graduate of Peabody High School, Kennedy earned her B.A. in political science at Howard University.