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Colette Pichon Battle, Esq. is the founder and Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy and develops programming focused on Equitable Disaster Recovery, Global Migration, Community Economic Development, Climate Justice and Energy Democracy. Colette works with local communities, national funders and elected officials in the post-Katrina/post-BP disaster recovery and was a lead coordinator for Gulf South Rising 2015 a regional initiative around climate justice and just transition in the South. In addition to developing advocacy initiatives that intersect with race, systems of power and ecology, Colette manages GCCLP's legal services in immigration law and disaster law. In 2018, Pichon Battle joined on the Movement for Black Lives Policy Table Leadership Team leading to advance national work on Climate Justice.

Colette is a 2019 Obama Fellow and a 2019 TED Fellow. In 2018 Colette was awarded with an Honorary Doctorate from Kenyon College and 2016 Colette was named a White House Champion of Change for Climate Equity. In 2015, was selected as an Echoing Green Climate Fellow and has received awards from the State of Louisiana, the American Bar Association for her work in disaster recovery.