

WATSI M. SUTTON

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Watsi M. Sutton brings more than 25 years of legal and leadership experience to her role as Executive Director of Koinonia Community Solutions (KCS). A trial attorney and counselor with a deep commitment to community development and social justice, she previously served as Managing Attorney for Legal Aid of North Carolina's New Bern Office, Town Attorney, Assistant Prosecutor, and owner of a law firm for more than 16 years. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics from North Carolina A&T State University (summa cum laude) and a Doctorate in Jurisprudence from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law.

Since joining KCS leadership after serving on its board, Watsi has guided the organization through a period of transformational growth—expanding its budget from \$250,000 to \$1.4 million and broadening its focus beyond education and youth development to include economic empowerment, reentry, and affordable housing development.

Through her vision and leadership, KCS has become a trusted community partner, reaching six counties and 14 schools, while ensuring that youth, families, and individuals have the tools and opportunities needed for long-term success.