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Nicole Farhi adds Ruth Ellis to miscarriage of justice sculptures
The cases, the chatter, the chaos: what's really going on in the law

Farhi's sculpture of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain, was displayed at the offices of Mishcon de Reya. The law firm had helped Ellis's family to obtain a posthumous conditional pardon 71 years after her execution.

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Nicole Farhi, the fashion designer turned sculptress, is being kept busy by the number of wrongful convictions that have shaped legal history. Her J'Accuse…!exhibition last year in London and Edinburgh comprised 25 cast ciment fondu busts depicting victims of miscarriages of justice over the past 125 years, including Andrew Malkinson, who spent 17 years in prison before his rape conviction was overturned in 2023. Since then she has added the wrongly prosecuted sub-postmaster Jo Hamilton, and Peter Sullivan, Oscar Slater and Oliver Campbell who were all wrongly convicted of murder and jailed.

Farhi's most recent addition, Ruth Ellis, was unveiled at the law firm Mishcon de Reya last week. The firm acted for the grandchildren of the last woman to be hanged in the UK in its successful bid to gain a posthumous conditional pardon 71 years after her execution.



Nicole Farhi, right,
with Ruth Ellis's granddaughter, Laura Enston
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