

Mr. Kayne joined the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office in 2000. During his 25 years as a deputy public defender, Mr. Kayne has been a prolific litigator handling cases from simple misdemeanors to complex violent felonies. Since being promoted to Head Deputy, Mr. Kayne has worked at the Pasadena Branch and Area Office, Employee Relations, and the Lancaster Branch.

As a Public Defender leader, Mr. Kayne has been a member of the Policy Committee, created and delivered management trainings and was the Chair of the Head Deputy Reassignment Committee. In his most recent assignment, Mr. Kayne engaged in creative methods to change and revise the Early Disposition Program, founded the Lancaster Prison Unit and the Lancaster Trial Skills College, laid the groundwork for the creation of the Lancaster Community Outreach Court, and kept his trial skills sharpened with homicide cases. Mr. Kayne has led efforts to engage the Antelope Valley community by having Team Lancaster feed their unhoused neighbors, attended events to pass out needed supplies, and visit and engage students at local Antelope Valley high schools.

Mr. Kayne is an adjunct professor at Southwestern Law School, where he teaches Trial Advocacy. In this position he created a Criminal Litigation course and won the 2018-19 Excellence in Teaching Award. In addition, for the last three years, Mr. Kayne also coached his son's high school mock trial team, which competed in both the Teach Democracy Antelope Valley Mock Trial competitions. He is also a supporter and advocate of the Autism community. Mr. Kayne is a Los Angeles native and graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School. He is a member of the Jewish Public Defenders Association (JPDA).