

## **Assistant Public Defender Jane Newman**

Jane Newman was named Assistant Public Defender in July 2019. She began her legal career with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office in 1988. Ms. Newman spent her first 11 years at the Compton branch, including several years as Deputy-in-Charge of the branch's juvenile operation, in between years of felony trial work.

In 2000, Ms. Newman became the Office's first Resource Attorney in our Juvenile CARE program, where she designed our entitlements advocacy model for mentally disabled children who face criminal charges. The highly acclaimed program has received a Best Practice award among other honors.

Ms. Newman began serving as a Head Deputy in 2006. She oversaw the Collaborative and Restorative Justice programs for seven years, followed by two years over our Juvenile Courts. During this time, she led several innovative cross-agency reentry programs that successfully reduced recidivism for young people in their communities. She also lectured regularly at the state and national level on topics such as juvenile competency and complex entitlements advocacy.

Ms. Newman returned to our adult felony courts in 2014, first as Head Deputy over our Torrance Branch and Inglewood Area offices. She then became Head Deputy over our Compton Branch in January 2017. She helped launch the Department's first bail reform pilot in Compton in 2018, and is now working with our team to expand those efforts. Ms. Newman has also been our Department's legislative liaison since 2014, working with the County and Sacramento to promote legislation that best serves our clients and communities.

Ms. Newman received her J.D. from UCLA in 1988, and her B.A. in Political Science and Economics at UC Davis in 1984. Away from the office, she enjoys competing in women's soccer and learning to play the drums.