

Chief-of-Staff William Stone

William Stone was named Chief-of-Staff of the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office in 2019. He arrived two weeks after departing from the San Diego County Public Defender's Office, where he had been employed since 1988.

As an attorney with the San Diego Public Defender, Mr. Stone found his passion for indigent defense and excelled as a litigator. His trial experience covered everything up to and including capital case work through penalty phase. He served with the San Diego Public Defender's Major Case Unit, which represents clients charged with complex murder cases, and high-profile violent offenses. Throughout his more than 30 years in San Diego, Mr. Stone often managed to continue trial work even while in supervisory roles.

Mr. Stone is the first Chief-of-Staff for the Los Angeles Public Defender. He serves as advisor to the Public Defender. In an office that has an increasing need to become nimble, agile and forward thinking, Mr. Stone provides leadership. He plays a major role as the Office embraces a new era of holistic practice.

Mr. Stone was born and raised in Oceanside, California. He earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice at San Diego State University. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego, School of Law.