

## **Chief Deputy Jenny Brown**

Jenny Brown arrived at the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office in 1988, after spending two years practicing business litigation. In her more than 30 years in the Office, Ms. Brown has worked her way through misdemeanor, juvenile and felony trials. She tried the most serious crimes, including multicount sex crimes, violent crimes and homicides. In a most complex 108 count capital case involving a foreign national with developmental disabilities, Ms. Brown and her co-counsel were able to limit the prosecution's ability to test the client for mental disabilities by obtaining a published appellate decision of first impression.

As a manager, Ms. Brown was a Head Deputy for more than 11 years, including downtown at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, in a branch assignment (Van Nuys), and in a specialized unit (CCU). In these positions, she supervised misdemeanor and felony trial lawyers, as well as lawyers representing clients accused of being "sexually violent predators," pursuant to California's Sexually Violent Predator Act. She helped create and then supervised the first Office formal training program for new felony attorneys.

Ms. Brown has managed everything from Drug Court, Veteran's Court, Proposition 36 Court, the Early Disposition Program, Women's Reentry, and more. She also helped to create a diversion program for homeless mentally ill clients in Van Nuys. In addition, Ms. Brown has served the Office on Leadership/Management Training, the Client Case Management System, Leadership Skills Training, and on the Public Defender Statistical System (PDSS) committee. She has also represented the office in its work with the County Quality and Productivity Commission. Finally, Ms. Brown served as the Acting Chief Deputy Public Defender for a year and a half, before being appointed permanently to the position in February 2019.

Ms. Brown was born and raised in Fresno, California, where she attended public schools. She obtained her B.A. in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1982. Ms. Brown earned her J.D. from the Santa Clara University School of Law in 1986.