

Assistant Public Defender Ruben Marquez

In 2014, Ruben J. Marquez became an Assistant Public Defender after holding management positions of Division Chief and Head Deputy Public Defender. He began his legal career with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office in February 1990, handling progressively complex criminal cases, including capital litigation through the penalty phase. He became a manager in the Office in 2006.

As an Assistant Public Defender, Mr. Marquez oversees a staff of lawyers, investigators, paralegals and clerical employees dedicated to servicing juvenile and adult clients in Mental Health Operations, the Appellate Unit, Investigative Services, Administrative Litigation, Employee Relations, Performance Management and Equity Oversight. Mr. Marquez has a solid foundation in public administration, personnel management, organizational behavior and labor and employee relations.

A longtime member of the LA County Management Council, Mr. Marquez is the Chair of its Education Committee, developing and sponsoring monthly training seminars designed to create and strengthen County leaders, employ best practices and ensure that Departmental and County objectives and priorities are met.

Mr. Marquez received his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California in 1981, his master's degree from California State University Los Angeles in 1983, and his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School in 1989.

While earning his master's degree in psychology (with an emphasis in Industrial & Organizational Psychology), Mr. Marquez began his employment with LA County as a Student Professional Worker. While in law school, he continued to work fulltime in other County departments, holding the positions of Personnel Analyst and Civil Service Advocate.

Born and raised in the Los Angeles area, Mr. Marquez is one of five children, most of whom remain in Southern California.