

Mohammed Al Rawi

Mohammed Al Rawi serves as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (LACPD). Under his leadership, the LACPD has experienced a significant digital transformation, streamlining its operations and improving legal service delivery to Los Angeles County residents.

Since his arrival at the LACPD in 2019, Al Rawi has led the development and implementation of the Client Case Management System (CCMS), marking the most extensive digital overhaul in the 110-year history of the nation's largest Public Defender office. CCMS, by integrating 23 legacy systems and digitizing over 160 million criminal case records, has catapulted the LACPD into a new era, enhancing services for more than 100,000 residents each year.

Al Rawi has been at the forefront of adopting emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), to advance the LACPD's operations. He has established a customized pipeline for processing digital evidence, including Body Worn Videos and scanned PDFs, which classifies relevant content, extracts case-specific information, and presents the findings via an intuitive interface. This innovative use of AI in criminal defense has streamlined the handling of vast amounts of digital evidence, leveraging AI's capabilities to support decarceration and explore alternative avenues for the indigent accused.

His strategic initiatives have focused on improving criminal representation and protecting residents' rights. By creating a client-centered data repository, the LACPD has been empowered to advocate for targeted justice reform policies that address the specific needs of Los Angeles County. The CCMS's integration with other county and state justice systems has enabled enhanced data sharing and collaboration across the team.

Before his tenure with the LACPD, Al Rawi was the CIO of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department and served as the Deputy for Technology and Innovation for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Second District. His career also includes a role as the Technical Director for the Los Angeles Times' news bureau in Baghdad, where he covered the Iraq war and its aftermath.

Al Rawi's leadership and the transformative success of the CCMS have earned him widespread recognition, including being named one of the nation's Top 25 Doers, Dreamers, and Drivers by Government Technology. He has received numerous accolades, such as the Service to the Citizen Award, and the Best of California award.

With over 20 years of experience managing complex information technology operations across public and private sectors, Mohammed Al Rawi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science, graduating summa cum laude from California State University, Los Angeles.