

Thomas Moore

Born and raised in Southern California, Thom studied Political Science at UCLA and attended Loyola Law School, where he joined a Washington DC based legislative consulting group to advocate for social justice causes. He credits his inspiration for criminal defense to his experience with the LA County Public Defender Law Clerk program where he represented youthful clients in delinquency proceedings.

A veteran trial attorney, Thom has defended our clients facing the most challenging charges, including multiple-kilogram narcotics distribution counts originating from wiretap investigations and serial rape accusations against multiple complaining witnesses. After trying several homicide cases, he is one of the few attorneys in our office who has tried a capital murder case to verdict.

Collaborating with our County's Legislative team, Thom has testified at State Senate and Assembly hearings in support of legislation to enhance services for our unhoused client population. Working with a coalition of California Public Defenders and our department's legislative team, his efforts helped successfully maintain critical funding to support our Post-Conviction Unit.

As Assistant Public Defender for our Holistic Divisions, Thom oversees special units that support for our trial attorneys and their teams. Responsible for multiple projects funded by external grants, he is the Program Director for our holistic advocacy program, *Partners For Justice*, he is our department's Program Director for the Quality and Productivity Commission, and has served as our Department Head's designee on the County's Public Safety Realignment Team.

A proud member of the LGBTQ+ community, Thom actively supports initiatives aimed at promoting diversity and equity. A self-proclaimed desert rat, he enjoys hiking and stargazing in the Mojave with his husband, Aaron, an artist, professor, and beardo.