

Biography for Public Defender Robin Lipetzky



Robin Lipetzky was appointed to head the Office of the Public Defender in Contra Costa County in January, 2010. Ms. Lipetzky earned her J.D. from Berkeley Law in 1986, and joined the Contra Costa Public Defender's Office as a deputy public defender in 1990. As the Chief Public Defender, Ms. Lipetzky has been active in criminal justice reform efforts both locally and statewide. She was instrumental in designing and launching the County's pretrial services program, as well as securing funding for an innovative approach to early representation for persons cited for misdemeanor offenses. A strong advocate for racial justice, Ms. Lipetzky serves on the County's Racial Justice Taskforce which endeavors to promote policies and reform efforts to end racial disparities in the local criminal justice system. Ms. Lipetzky is a past president of the California Public Defender's Association and formerly served as an adjunct professor of criminal trial skills at Berkeley law.