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**Cyn Yamashiro promoted to Director of Indigent Defense Services
for the Los Angeles County Bar Association**

Los Angeles, California – June 7, 2021 – The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) has announced that Cyn Yamashiro has been promoted to Director of Indigent Defense Services. The appointment is effective immediately.

Since 1990, LACBA has administered the Indigent Criminal Defense Appointment program (ICDA), one of the largest appointed counsel systems in California. In 2017, Mr. Yamashiro joined LACBA to create a new juvenile defender program called the Los Angeles County Independent Juvenile Defender Program. Both programs handle all criminal matters in Los Angeles County that present a conflict of interest to the Public Defender and the Alternate Public Defender. Mr. Yamashiro pioneered a new model for such appointed counsel programs, which was recognized by the American Bar Association in 2018 as one of three “Exemplary Defense Programs” in the United States.

“We hope to take the lessons learned from our work on the juvenile side to enhance the quality of legal services we provide the community in partnership with Los Angeles County,” said Cyn Yamashiro.

About the Los Angeles County Bar Association

LACBA was founded in 1878 and is one of the largest voluntary metropolitan bar associations in the country. LACBA serves attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals through 28 sections, committees, networking events, live and on-demand CLE programs, and pro bono opportunities, as well as public service and informational resources.

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